

## **Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish Council Minutes**

April 7, 2021

The April meeting was called to order by Vice-President Paul Fritz at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Hall. Members present were: Paul Fritz, Jeff Ledger, Larry Robison, Carol Robison, Marian Milender, Kay Pohren, Nancy Anderson, and Arlene Fritz. Guests present were Father Lathrop, Mike Adrian, Rosemary Pacha, and Mary Ann Drish.

An opening prayer was led by Marian Milender.

The March meeting minutes were approved at a special meeting after Mass on March 7, 2021.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Christian Service/Social Action**

Nancy reports that she and Arlene made 43 phone calls to shut ins and parishioners not attending Mass yet due to COVID. Nancy also reports the phone directory needs an update as some parishioners have discontinued a landline and now have cell phones.

#### **Family Life**

Arlene also reports making calls to parishioners (on Nancy's list). Greeting cards were sent to those not answering after a second attempt to call. Parishioners appreciated the phone visit.

#### **Liturgy**

Marian reports decorating the altars for Easter Sunday with help from Suanne and Garry Dickey. Marian reports a funeral Mass at Mother Cabrini for Michael McClure on Saturday, April 10, and a prayer service for Hazel Chuck on April 9. Marian reports two members of our parish will be making their First Holy Communion on April 24 at St. Mary's in Fairfield. They are Lilliana Rose Fritz, daughter of Daniel and Brooke Fritz; and Brooklyn Irene Ledger, daughter of Adam and Julie Ledger. Marian reports that the Davenport Diocese is now in Step 3 – seating will be every other pew. Cantor is now allowed to sing Gloria. Marian thanked all cookie bakers who provided enough cookies for the Drive Thru Supper program in Fairfield. Enough cookies provided for 3 weeks! Good job!

Marian reports on big changes at the Lord's Cupboard. 1) Director is leaving. Applications for Executive Director due by April 12, 2021. 2) Our parish did not contribute to the Lord's Cupboard in March. 3) Lord's Cupboard also needs shampoo, toothpaste, body wash. Cash donations are also appreciated.

Marian reports attendance through Holy Week and Easter was very good: Good Friday – 60, Holy Saturday – 50-60, Easter – 57.

## **Maintenance**

Jeff Ledger reports that due to winter weather the tarp covering bricks was destroyed and off the bricks. He may move the bricks. Jeff reports on water issues around St. Joseph Church foundation and basement. He is confident he has good suggestions to control issues, just give him time to get the answers needed.

## **Finance**

Mike reports on CD finalized last month. Mike reports the PPP loan \$3200 is moving through the process. Catholic Messenger was paid in March.

## **Altar and Rosary**

Rosemary reports a meal was prepared for Darlene Baldosier and 10 people. Carol and Larry Robison delivered it.

## **Old Business**

Lawn Mowing Bids

- 1) Talked to Kelly Farrier for mowing at St. Joseph
- 2) Kelly requested a small increase over last year
- 3) Contract signed
- 4) Brendan Davisson (Mother Cabrini) is expected to sign contract. May be modified any time with reduction of mowing area.

Landscaping/lawn cleanup at St. Joseph.

Egli prices up \$500. His offer was declined. Discussion followed concerning aging trees and mulching needed for appearance. Jeff Ledger will check into mulch.

## **New Business**

Much discussion about water in basement at St. Joseph south stairwell. Greg and Jeff were called. Jeff reports on gutter issues – too much water at once. Two sump pumps are working. Water table is high in East Pleasant Plain. The basement was originally designed to have 3 sump pumps, but we have two now.

Much discussion about Mother Cabrini Rectory

- 1) Furnace is old, circa 1980
- 2) Roof is very steep to reshingle
- 3) Church and house measure 330 x 330 lot size
- 4) If the house is sold, the money stays in the parish
- 5) There are many details to work out. Should not rush the process

Much discussion about moving the Parish Office to St. Joseph

- 1) Location – pie room? Garage? Cry room?
- 2) Work out plans to develop the office

- 3) Many details: Internet, physical security, computer
- 4) Water issues/storage for historical documents, etc.

#### Other Business

Carol Robison suggested that we consider compensation to Marian Milender to pick up many of Shirley Van Dee's former job duties.

#### **Comments from Father Lathrop**

- 1) Policy and procedure in place to protect everyone
- 2) Protection from unfounded accusations
- 3) Separation of duties and responsibility
- 4) Marian get the mail and put in safe
- 5) Mail key should be secured in the parish office
- 6) Any money spent over \$5000 – Bishop must approve
- 7) Establish a minimal safeguard list
- 8) Parish manual – internal controls listed there.
- 9) Audit - internal

#### Guest comment

Mary Ann Drish comments that parishioners work well together at the bazaar. Having the bazaar outweighs the convenience of parish contributions.

Closing prayer was recited by all.

Carol Robison moved to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Robison. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Next meeting will be at Mother Cabrini on May 5, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene Fritz/Paul Fritz