

Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish Council Minutes

May 4, 2022

The May meeting was called to order by President Greg Ledger at 7:05pm at Mother Cabrini Hall. Members present were: Mike Adrian, Paul Fritz, Greg Ledger, Arlene Fritz, Kay Pohren, Carol Robison, Marian Milender and Fr. Lathrop Guest: Nancy Anderson.

An opening prayer was led by Fr. Lathrop.

Greg Ledger read the minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting. Correction to the minutes: Under Old Business, the June Altar and Rosary group will provide salads for Father Ben Snyder's First Mass Luncheon at Mother Cabrini on June 5, 2022. Paul Fritz moved to approve. Marian Milender seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Christian Service/Social Action

Marian Milender and Lisa Clark attended a very informative HACAP (Hawkeye Area Community Action Program) Meeting about food distribution in this area. A representative explained funding from the government TEFAP and HACAP supplying food to the needy very well. The Brighton Food Pantry is very well organized. Still need additional volunteers to man the Food Pantry a few hours each week. A list of "essentials" (non-food items) that are needed is posted at the church and in our weekly bulletin. Ss. Joseph and Cabrini may help store these "essential" goods.

Family Life

Arlene Fritz suggested a plant sale, possibly during May, after Mass. Need ideas now for next year.

Liturgy

- 1) We made it through Easter with only a few minor issues.
- 2) Good comments on Easter decorations.
- 3) Choir is back at Mass.
- 4) Eucharistic Ministers are being used again.
- 5) The parish purchased the book "Life is Messy" for each family.

Maintenance

Paul Fritz reports:

- 1) Wireless microphone at St. Joseph checked for source of static.
- 2) Elevator is being used and has been working well.
- 3) Bell in tower needs some attention.
- 4) A spotlight at St. Joseph has been replaced.
- 5) A raccoon was removed from stairwell outside of St. Joseph kitchen.

- 6) Greg Ledger wants to postpone removal of hard maple tree south of main sidewalk at St. Joseph until after he has a chance to discuss with parishioner Ray Lehn.

Finance

Mike Adrian reviewed Profit and Loss Budget Performance for March 2022. He noted that net income for the fiscal year through March is still about \$3000 positive if we ignore the income from the sale of the Richland rectory.

Altar and Rosary

Will meet next Tuesday at 1pm.

Are we having a Bazaar?

May purchase and plant a tree at St. Joseph in memory of Caryl Smith and her dedication to the parish.

Mass will be for Caryl Smith on May, 29, 2022. Planning a brunch. Would like pictures of Caryl.

Old Business

- 1) ADA. We have 39 donors. Still short \$2085 of goal. Fr. Lathrop says missing the goal is not unusual.
- 2) Caryl Smith's Celebration of Life on May 26, 2022 at Lake Darling main Lodge.
- 3) Ben Snyder's First Mass, June 5, 2022 at 10am at Mother Cabrini.
- 4) Synod listening sessions. Our parish had about 20 responses.
- 5) Bishop Zinkula is not available in August or September of this year for Parishes Anniversaries. Must schedule about a year in advance.
- 6) Marian suggests a committee to work with Altar and Rosary for the Parishes Anniversaries Celebration. Kay, Arlene and Nancy volunteered.

New Business

- 1) Meeting with Bishop concerning interest in sale of Mother Cabrini property.
- 2) Gevock memorial (Commandments and Beatitudes) needs cleaning and the letters are fading. A panel is loose from the base. Don Kaska has contacted Kent Whitney to assess.
- 3) Door lock combinations for St. Joseph Church/Hall are being changed.
- 4) Committee formed to suggest needed changes to the Parish Council Constitution: Marian Milender, Paul Fritz, Greg Ledger, Carol Robison.

Father Lathrop led a closing prayer.

Paul Fritz moved to adjourn. Seconded by Carol Robison. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting will be at St. Joseph Hall on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Fritz/Paul Fritz