

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting August 9, 2016 (prepared by Dyann Klemann)

Members Present: Fr. Mike Powell, Deb Blees, Kathy Domeier, Ray Gorski, Julie Morales, Cindy Pasiuk, Cathy Rajtar (Absent), Sandy Conroy (Trustee).

Fr. Mike opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with a prayer.

New council officers were elected: Deb Blees - president, Cindy Pasiuk – vice president.

Minutes of the May 10, 2016, were approved as written.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike has moved in and resides at St. Casimir. His day off is Monday. He is the regular Mass celebrant. Fr. Harry can fill in on occasion. Sunday Masses are at 9 am at St. Casimir and 10:30 am at St. Patrick but this allows barely enough time to get from one church to the other. One Sunday per month there is a noon Mass in Hmong at St. Pat's. The welcome for Fr. Mike will need to be after Saturday Mass in September. St. Casimir will not have a fall festival in 2016 – there isn't adequate time to get needed licenses and make preparations; also, no chairperson came forward. We should survey our parishioners so that homebound folks who wish to receive Holy Communion have someone designated to bring the Eucharist to them. Eighteen folks receive the bulletin in the mail; some live a good distance from the parish. There will be a parish mission by Fr. John Ettensohn the week before Holy Week – sessions alternating between the two parishes. A few repairs are needed: eleven lintels around outside of school bldg. have badly rusted steel. Two air conditioners will be put into currently boarded up window openings in the old school hall. There is some water damage in old school hall entrance. The Geranium school steps are breaking down and need repair. The ceiling and hallway in back of the sanctuary need repair from water leak damage, after repairs of the roof above that area are completed.

Committee Reports: No maintenance or finance committee meetings since summer began. No report concerning outreach.

Liturgy: Fr. Mike and Cindy met to review the schedule and will meet again in Sept. Cindy will put out a request for volunteer lectors, servers and Eucharistic ministers.

The hospitality appreciation event for Fr. Greg and Fr. Bob on 7/10 was nice; it was written up in the Oblate Newsletter.

Old Business: Kim Kroll wishes to be replaced as music director due to her time constraints. Father has 4 resumes and will meet on Wed. with music folks to go over those. Our St. Casimir parish picnic June 26 went well; attendance was down; those attending enjoyed the event and the ice breaker game. "Thank you" to the coordinators for the event. The basketball hoop mentioned at last month's meeting will not be going up. A tour was given of our church and a group interested in our parish and its history on the East Side will meet with Fr. Mike, Cindy, Sandy and Christina on Wednesday.

New Business: Julie asked about restarting the children's liturgy during Sunday Mass at St. Casimir. Her daughter, age 3, went last year and liked it and has asked about it. Volunteer teachers for the children's liturgy will be needed. Parish council meetings have been on the second Tuesday of the month and that schedule will continue. Due to voting on the second Tuesday of November, the third Tuesday will be the meeting date. Minutes of the parish council meetings could be shared with parishioners on our website, in back of church or through a short synopsis put in the parish bulletin. At our next meeting we will revisit what has been done regarding the parish survey. Reaching out to our homebound is one topic for discussion.

Meeting adjourned about 8 pm.