

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting May 9, 2017 (prepared by Dyann Klemann)

Members Present: Fr. Mike Powell, Deb Blees, Kathy Domeier, Julie Morales, Cindy Pasiuk, Cathy Rajtar, Tony Young, Trustee. Council member Ray Gorski has resigned.

Father Mike opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from the meeting of 4/18/17 were approved as written.

Pastor's report: Father Mike noted that the school and TLC leases have been renewed; a complication with the school will hopefully be worked out soon. The new roof on the school is progressing though delayed by rain. A rain leak caused some damage, but the roofing company's insurance will cover the cost of repair. Plans for our various upcoming events are underway. Nate is available to play for an Oct. 8 fall festival polka Mass. Julie Morales volunteered to chair the festival and will seek volunteers using a sign-up sheet in back of church. Regarding possible booths/helpers, Kathy Domeier said that Judy Barrett has worked the Holiday Etc. booth, Carol Johnson worked the Cake Walk, Ruth Barrett has helped out. As planning moves forward it is necessary to decide what will be included in the pared down fall festival for 2017. A meeting was held to discuss the 125th anniversary. Some ideas include: appetizers or dinner/dance Saturday evening at the American Legion (Joe will check on costs), Sunday Mass with brunch, preparation of a booklet documenting remembrances of people who attended St. Casimir school or were members of the parish, preparation of a lap top display of digitized old photographs covering the 125-year church history.

Finance: Father Mike's car has needed some costly repairs in recent months – budgets of both parishes should include funding in case a vehicle replacement is needed.

Hospitality: There were nice hospitality events to recognize and celebrate First Communion and Confirmation recipients.

Liturgy: The liturgy committee reviewed the liturgies for all of Lent through Easter to make note of changes desired for next year. Search for more servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers continues. A recommissioning service for Eucharistic ministers will be held at Masses Sat. and Sun. June 17 and 18. Cindy Pasiuk noted that someone is making changes in the volume of Father Mike's and the podium microphones between Saturday night and Sunday after Mass, and some in the congregation have problems hearing the service. Cindy checks the volume of the microphones, and must restore the correct settings. On Palm Sunday between the first and second reading, Mass attendees were observed sitting on the floor in back of the pews on one side of the church. There were seats available in the pews. It is preferable to keep the floor open and sit in the pews. Inquiries will be made to ascertain why people choose to sit on the floor.

New Business: Future parish council meetings will be held in the old school hall. Father Mike asked whether any maintenance or painting is needed before the 125th anniversary event. Cindy mentioned the need to improve the lighting in the stairwell going up to the choir loft. It is very dark, and people in the stairwell have difficulty seeing the steps in such low light. Suzanne will look into this. Christina reports the school is concerned about strangers walking into the school after entering the old school hall entrance and would like monitoring there when events are going on in the hall. Cleaning and buffing of the old school hall floor should occur over the summer. Kathy Domeier and Deb Blees will each serve 3 more years on the parish council. Cindy Pasiuk will check with Laura Rose Paradis concerning her

Willingness to serve on the council. Two years remaining on Ray Gorski's term need to be filled. The date for our farewell for Father Harry is Saturday 6/17 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The Rosary Society will get a cake (pale blue and white frosting – Oblate colors.) Father Harry will attend the 6/25 combined parish picnic of St Casimir's and St. Patrick's at Phalen pavilion also. A Hmong farewell gathering on 7/9 is scheduled by St. Patrick's. Father Mike will be away the first two weekends in July. A farewell for Sue Vanyo will be Sunday 6/11/17 following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Families of the religious ed. students, past teachers and students may coordinate the event. (Mary Degel, Ruth Barrett, Carol Johnson are possible contacts.) Christina can put something in the bulletin about the farewell. Cindy advised that Jan and Jack Leguil will cease co-chairing the blood drives after 14 years of doing this for St. Casimir's. New volunteers will be needed by October. The new Religious Education Director will start June 23 and will hopefully attend the parish picnic on 6/25. The next parish council meeting will be Tuesday 8/1/17 at which time the meeting dates for next year will be set and council officers will be elected. If a meeting is needed before that time, it can be set and communicated with members via e-mail. Other news will be shared via e-mail as needed. Parish bulletin goes in on Mondays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.