

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting April 18, 2017 (prepared by Dyann Klemann)

Members Present: Fr. Mike Powell, Deb Blee, Kathy Domeier, Ray Gorski, Julie Morales, Cindy Pasiuk, Cathy Rajtar (absent), Dawn Zamora, Trustee.

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

Minutes from meeting of 3/14/17 were approved with one correction on page 2 first line should read "Cathy Rajtar" rather than "Kathy Domeier." Minutes from the Special Joint Meeting on 3/30/17 were approved as written.

**Pastor's report:** Father Greg will not be able to have his 25th anniversary celebration here as his schedule is too busy.

**Finance:** We are in the process of renewing the charter school contract for a period of two years. The TLC house will also renew its contract and they will additionally rent the old parish office space.

**Hospitality:** Hospitality went well during our parish mission. There will be hospitality to celebrate First Communion recipients and to celebrate Confirmation recipients.

**Liturgy:** There will be a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening 4/20/17 in the church.

**Maintenance Committee:** The project to replace the roof on the school has begun. Also some repairs were made of water damage to plaster inside the school.

**New Business:** St. Casimir Blood Drive is Monday, 4/24/17, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the old school hall. A good number of donors have scheduled appointments and walk-in donors can be accommodated as well. The plastic covers on both sides of the main church entrance doors to post changes in services during the week are a welcome addition. These can alert our weekday Mass attendees who are not St. Casimir parishioners of changes - they likely would not see our parish bulletins.

**Old Business:** Parish Council nominating progress – Ray has not been able to get anyone willing to run; Cindy encouraged someone by e-mail but has not received a reply; Deb asked a woman to consider running but has not received a reply as yet. The three positions open will be Kathy Domeier's, Deb Blee's and one existing vacancy. Both Kathy and Deb are running this year. If enough candidates come forward, a photo and bio are needed to go into our May 13/14 bulletin insert so that parishioners can have the information in advance of the election May 21/22. Father will soon be announcing our Sunday Mass schedule changes for June implementation. Lenten Retreat recap – parishioners seemed pleased with the retreat and Father John was pleased with how it went. He would be willing to do another in about 2 years if we desire. Farewell for Father Harry – Wayne at St. Pat's suggested the farewell be at the parish picnic on June 25. The Hmong will do a farewell on June 3. Father Harry will be leaving in mid-July (7/13 – 15) and he will fill in for Father Mike's vacation the first two weekends in July, 7/1-2 and 7/8-9. A farewell at St. Casimir's following the Saturday evening Mass 7/1 or 7/8 is a possibility. Appreciation event for Sue Vanyo – a hospitality gathering after Sunday 9 a.m. Mass on June 4 or 11 is preferred; other dates in June and July are booked. Fall festival for 2017 would be good, and October 1 or 8 would be preferred (rather than December when the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is scheduled.) A somewhat pared down event is likely, a polka Mass if Nate's band would be available to play, a parish dinner, some booths such as the cake walk, pull tabs or raffle, etc., would be considered. Dave Doepner cooked turkey for past festival dinner, would he be available? Julie Morales could help

chair for Oct. 8, but would be away Oct. 1. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Casimir's - 10 volunteers have signed up to help plan for the event. Deb is trying to arrange a first meeting (4/27 or 5/4 at 6:30 p.m. in the old school hall). There is a white board in the community room to use for the planning meeting. Ray offered to help set up and take down for the Dec. 2017 event.

Cindy reported that a welcome basket from Father Mike and the parishioners of St. Casimir's containing Paczki, braided palms and chocolates was delivered to Archbishop Hebda's new archdiocesan offices to welcome them to the neighborhood. This was their first such welcome gesture, and it was enthusiastically received. The new St. Casimir Religious Ed. Director will finish college in Kansas and will begin her job with us June 23.

Next parish council meeting will be May 9, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.