

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting August 8, 2017 (prepared by Dyann Klemann)

Members Present: Fr. Mike Powell, Deb Blees, Sandy Conroy, Kathy Domeier, Dale Massop, Julie Morales, Cindy Pasiuk, Cathy Rajtar, Tony Young, Trustee.

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

Introductions: Sandy Conroy will complete the term vacated by Ray Gorski, Dale Massop is our new member. Members serve per our constitution amended in 2016. Deb Blees will issue new roster of members (terms, contact list.)

Election of new officers: Deb Blees was nominated for president by K. Domeier, seconded by C. Rajtar, approved by unanimous vote. Cindy Pasiuk was nominated for vice president by K. Domeier, seconded by J. Morales, approved by unanimous vote.

Meetings for the year were set: 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of months Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Mar., April, May (option for change if Father's schedule makes a date unworkable, or for special meetings to be called when needed.) Meetings expected on 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 1/9, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8. Motion to approve made by S. Conroy, seconded by K. Domeier, approved by unanimous vote. There were some joint meetings with the St. Patrick's council last year, and it is suggested that we do so this year. A social gathering of members of both councils to get acquainted is suggested - Father Mike will mention it at their next council meeting in September.

Minutes from the meeting of 5/9/17 were approved as written.

Pastor's report: Father Mike's car is furnished by the Oblates. A change to having the two parishes together provide a car could be considered in conjunction with next year's budget discussions. The problem with the microphone has been resolved. There is now a button at the podium to turn on that microphone for those doing readings there.

Fall Festival: Julie reports that raffle tickets are ready to be mailed to alumni this weekend; parishioner tickets are available for pickup in back of church for 3 weeks and remaining ones will be mailed. Ushers will have a bar but no pull tabs this year. Da Poe has help for set up and clean up. Help will be needed for silent auction getting baskets to church 1-1/2 weeks before the festival. After Wednesday, things can be put in the bride's room and community room.

125th Anniversary: Large group meetings were held in May, June, and on 8/7; small groups met in July. A dance /class reunion is planned for 12/2 to be held at the Arcade American Legion. Goal for about 200 people. Advance ticket sales are planned. Sandy Conroy has prepared written invitations and RSVP for the dance and brunch to go out late September (about 750.) Digital post cards to "save the date" were sent to former nuns, priests, brothers, Father Tony, Archbishop Hebda. Parishioners were notified by announcements in church and in the parish bulletins. Photo displays and memoirs will be in the old school hall. Christina is receiving people's remembrances to write up and parishioners who have photos to show will be invited to display them (details being worked out.) Banner will be outside church. Brunch and presentation will be in the school cafeteria. We are seeking a Papal Blessing. A 125th anniversary booklet (electronic /written) is in development scanning in previous ones from prior major anniversaries and historical information gleaned from many sources. Recollections from parish members and former members are being recorded by Nancy Frederickson, who is also doing

research at the Historical Society, etc. -information about the church architect, articles of incorporation, etc., are being pursued. More information concerning the mid-century years is needed. There were fundraisers for prior major anniversaries. Could we request contributions to defray costs of the event? There may be individuals or businesses willing to assist with donations, and those would be helpful and appreciated.

Liturgy: The liturgy committee met last week for planning - Sandy Conroy and Cindy Pasiuk will be servers, traditional and contemporary choirs will sing, Karen members will sing one song, the first reading will be Polish, the second in Karen, the Gospel and Prayers of the Faithful will be in English. Where priests and nuns will be seated and celebrant decisions are in process.

Father Mike requested Bishop Cozzens come to the March Polka Mass and be the celebrant/homilist. Dale volunteered to polish the brass candlesticks and tabernacle prior to the event in response to Cindy's request for help with that task.

New Business: Food donations to the Trinity food shelf have been down and it is suggested that the parish bulletin announcement about making the food donation the first weekend of each month be stopped. The council will revisit the topic in November. If it is decided to resume the bulletin entry, it will be larger and in bold type. Motion regarding this was made by K. Domeier and seconded by S. Conroy; approval was unanimous. Church already donates \$100 per month to the food shelf from the social justice envelope collections. Identify areas of focus for this year (conference for new pastors last year). What are our procedures when we get a complaint about conduct? What can we do to become a giving community? Outreach? Volunteer help? What can be done to make our church community more friendly /welcoming to people? We don't speak up to welcome strangers or even regulars unless we know them. Should we have greeters outside church, open our inner doors at the vestibule before the service? Survey our parishioners – put the topic on our next agenda. Should we invite speakers to address us - the Brothers, Da Poe, others? The Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis do Saturday CCD for the Karen and run a summer camp geared to the Karen. Some Hmong children attended as an announcement was made in St. Patrick's bulletin. The camp was here at St. Casimir's (a last minute change in location was needed when it could not be at St. Vincent's.) Father Mike was gone and our bulletin did not have an announcement of the opportunity which was unfortunate.

Old Business: Our joint parish picnic on June 25 went well. Dave Doepner got the date for us. Check with St. Patrick's about doing a joint parish picnic next year and whether they wish to control the date. Discuss whether background music is needed, and if yes, what type. This year, \$150 was paid to the musician. The ushers should take part in the planning - the meat changed from pork loin on large grill to brats and hamburgers on smaller grill(s). Ushers disliked grills used, and some meat wasn't cooked quite enough.

Maintenance: Stair lighting up to the choir loft is done and is a marvelous improvement. Old school hall floors were cleaned. Church front doors will be worked on by Suzanne - replace kick plates and hardware and refinish.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 9/12/17.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.