

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting February 6, 2018 (prepared by Dyann Klemann)

Members Present: Fr. Mike Powell, Deb Blee, Sandy Conroy (absent), Kathy Domeier, Dale Massop (absent), Julie Morales, Cindy Pasiuk, Cathy Rajtar, Tony Young, Trustee, Dawn Zamora, Trustee

Visitors: Andrea Barrett, Judy Barrett, Julie Morales' husband

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

Faith Formation: Andrea Barrett expressed concerns. She's taught religious ed. for 8 years feeling she was an evangelizer rather than an administrator. Options include hiring a full time director of religious education – suggests a talk with Tom Nordgren at St. Pat's – would he incorporate our program into theirs? Would he know of other DREs who might be candidates for our position? We have 22 children from 9 families (1 family has 4 children). There are 2 in 1st; 2 in 2nd; 1 in 3rd; 1 in 4th; 3 in 5th; 1 in 6th; 5 in 7th; 2 in 8th grade and 5 in Confirmation class. Basic faith is taught – some have no prior church experience. Individual souls are important. If our parish has no school and no religious education, we will not be able to draw new parishioners. Another option is a part-time religious coordinator, we would need to create a new position description and advertise for a part-time person. Volunteer teachers are discontinuing their participation. A meeting with the families of the Wednesday evening program should be held. The adult enrichment should also continue despite small attendance. There can be better sharing when class size is small. Mr. Morales notes that a connection is needed for the parents and all the children with the church; he felt that he could not be in a parish without CCD program availability. There is a budget for CCD. Did Bailey have the same work description as Sue Vanyo? Sue had children's liturgy of the word on Sunday mornings; this ended when Bailey came. Two families left due to this loss. Plan to talk with parents and get their feedback on Wednesday night; talk with Tom at St. Pat's. Develop a job description. Informal coordinator does not need a degree; a director does. Older children were handled by volunteers. Bailey is getting married after the end of the school year and will be leaving.

Fall festival survey follow up: Booths will return. Judy's booth was emptied. Dave Doepner will do the food. More help will be secured for clean-up duties. Dinner served 340 – 400 earning profit of \$930. Dinner price should change next year. There was a lot of food leftover. The silent auction had only three baskets without bids. Mike Kush went around asking for donations and did an exceptional job on the gift card raffle. Tickets went for \$5 each or 6 for \$20, and purchasers were enthusiastic about how many gift cards could be won. Costs increased compared to the year before. There are costs for the raffle – we could seek donations to cover those costs. Parishioners got 3 books of raffle tickets to sell; alumnae got 2 books. The names of those who did not return the books have been deleted. The purpose of the festival is community building. We need to sell it to the parish. Sign up of helpers was good, set up went well, be sure to use those who sign up to help. More planners are needed, we need to decide and begin preparations earlier, we must balance front end workers and clean up folks. Let's do another festival next year. It would be the second weekend of October, 10/14/18. A school walk through would be important to do. We need to decide if a Polka Mass will be held. Julie will chair the event.

Minutes of the meeting of 11/14/17 were approved, and the 9/12/17 minutes as revised in the first paragraph after "opened with a prayer" were approved as amended. Both will be sent to Christina for posting.

Liturgy Committee: Cindy was asked by the committee to have a volunteer fair like we did some years ago. It was on a weekend, perhaps in April, and featured parish organizations and gave parishioners a chance to learn about opportunities to participate more in the life of the parish. This was an effort to recruit new participants. We need to target new audiences with this effort. The liturgy committee met on 1/30 and planned for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Holy Thursday Mass will be a 7:00 p.m. and Holy Saturday Mass will be at 7:30 p.m. Nate's Old-Time Band will play for Mass on the Feast of St. Casimir, and Bishop Cozzens will celebrate Mass. Knights of Columbus will host the pancake breakfast, and Bailey will seek help from the religious education students to assist with the breakfast. St. Casimir 125th Anniversary Books (about 120 left) will be sold at the St. Casimir's Day events for \$10. Have Christina make a sign and announce in the bulletin that books will be for sale. Music may be changed for next year's feast.

St. Casimir's blood drive this spring will be in late April, (either 4/23 or 4/30.) Cindy will check the date.

Seder meal will be on Wed., 3/28/18. Bailey advised that there will be no passion play this year by the students. Father Harold will be here at St. Casimir's for Easter. There will be braiding of palms as in past years. Paczki will be made and available over Palm Sunday week end.

Pastor's report: Father Mike advised that an Oblate Brother, Craig B., will be residing in our rectory for several months. He will be working for the Oblates selling some properties for them which will involve considerable travel out of state. He will pay rent to the parish.

Wayne and Deb Blee will talk about having a social event with the parish councils of both parishes. An in-service by the archdiocese for St. Casimir's and St. Patrick's ending with a lunch, has been mentioned.

Parish Picnic to include both St. Casimir's and St. Patrick's is to be held June 24, 2018. Margie and Julie are not available to help, but Jeannie and Karen at St. Pat's can help. Put something in the bulletin regarding the date and seeking helpers for a volunteer committee.

There will be no parish council nominations/election this year - there are no openings at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.