

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting Mar. 14, 2017 (prepared by Dyann Klemann)

Members Present: Fr. Mike Powell, Deb Blee, Kathy Domeier, Ray Gorski, Julie Morales, Cindy Pasiuk, Cathy Rajtar, Tony Young-Trustee. Visitor: Andrea Barrett

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

Andrea Barrett presented concerns from the contemporary and traditional choir members regarding the proposed change in Mass times for Sunday morning services at St. Casimir's. Andrea has been a volunteer flutist with both choirs for about 20 years. She said that choir members were disappointed that no one reached out to them regarding Sunday morning Mass time change - how their music ministry would be impacted. Andrea explained that the contemporary choir musicians must be at church 45 to 60 minutes preceding the Mass to set up and warm up before Mass begins. With Mass change to 8:45 possibly 5 members could be lost, one who plays at night for employment, and others whose health situations affect their functioning in the morning. Up to 3 could be lost for a 10:45 Mass. The traditional choir could lose about 3 members for each Mass change. The choir members seek to have their input weighed in determining the new Mass schedules. The council appreciates Andrea's input on behalf of the choirs; the council had not expected difficulties for music ministry members.

Minutes of Parish Council Joint Meeting Jan. 19, St. Casimir Parish Council Regular Meeting Jan. 19, and St. Casimir Special Parish Council Meeting Feb. 7, 2017, were each approved as written.

**Pastoral Report:** Father was asked whether the Theresa Living Center could rent our meeting room and some other small rooms we are not using in the building. They desire additional space. Father is considering their request; he feels we could rent out the space and use other parish space for the Liturgy, Finance and Parish Council meetings that we would have held there. Father expects to keep our St. Casimir offices in the rectory. The Oblates may close their property at 104 in a year or two and may wish to house some priests at St. Casimir's. That is too indefinite and uncertain to impact the decision regarding Theresa Living Center. Father said that the Oblates are meant to live in community. The house at St. Casimir's has two suites upstairs whereas St. Patrick's rectory has one bedroom and much activity from classes of students going in and out. Regarding the Music Director replacement, Father indicated that two male candidates declined, one to remain at his current parish and the second, likely declined due to the salary amount. Father wishes to continue with our current arrangement for now. There are two good Religious Ed. candidates, a proposal has been made to one. Father thanked Tony Young for his help interviewing candidates for the Religious Ed. position. Father notes that the person who is hired will be expected to come to some of our religious services, though they would not be expected to join our parish.

**Maintenance Committee:** A contract was signed for repair of the old and new school hall flat roofs.

**Hospitality Committee:** No report

**Liturgy Committee:** We sent written invitations for the St. Casimir Feast/100<sup>th</sup> Oblate Anniversary to priests at Buffalo and 104 and to Father Greg Gallagher. There are 5 pages worth of priests to be invited to the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event Dec. 3, 2017. Father Gallagher has his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination in 9/2017.

**New Business:** Parish Council election is due in May. The dates of the election will be May 20 – 21, 2017. Our constitution revision was approved May 2016 and applies thereafter concerning terms and

limits. There are three positions to fill. Ray Gorski, Cathy Rajtar, Julie Morales, and Cindy Pasiuk will seek four or more candidates to run. Ray and Cindy will be on the election committee.

**Old Business:** Feast of St. Casimir/100<sup>th</sup> Oblate Anniversary event: What went well: ample volunteers to help set up; Knights of Columbus did an excellent job with the pancake breakfast (taking the money for guests, doing the kitchen work); there was enough St. Casimir volunteer help during the breakfast; Father Mike and Father Harry did well getting things together; the memorabilia was great. What needs improvement: involvement of the choirs must be planned and communicated before the arrangements are made with Nate and the programs are prepared; liturgy committee needs to help Cindy Pasiuk put away the event items used in the church and sacristy after the breakfast is over (she did it alone this year); there were not enough volunteers after the breakfast to help with clean-up of the cafeteria space. It was decided to have Nate's band and the Knights of Columbus again next year to celebrate St. Casimir's Feast. Sunday Mass survey will continue Mar. 18 and 19. David and Dyann Klemann will pass out survey sheets before the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Casimir's. Survey forms are due back Sun. 3/26/17. On 3/28/17 at 6:30 p.m. in the old school hall, St. Casimir survey sheets will be counted (Cindy, Kathy Domeier, and Julie.) Margie will count St. Patrick's surveys on Sun. 3/26 after Mass. Information about our Lenten Mission is in the bulletin. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers need to be scheduled. Tuesday 4/4 after morning Mass, coffee needs to be provided. Some volunteers have signed up for the Joint Parish Picnic in June of 2017. Julie Doepner, Carol Johnson and Ruth Barrett put on our St. Casimir parish picnic last year and did a very nice job.

Meeting adjourned.