

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

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

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

Minutes of the meeting of 10/10/17: Approved. Minutes of the meeting of 9/12/17: Deb Bles has not yet revised the first paragraph of the minutes as previously discussed, but she will do so. The remainder of the minutes were approved as written.

**Pastor's report:** Father Mike advised that we need to arrange for refreshments after the morning and evening sessions of our parish mission. The mission begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 10 and ends with a 6:30 p.m. session Wednesday Dec. 13. Kathy Domeier will put out a sign-up schedule for 1 or 2 people to help with this. Also some readers will be needed.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Meeting was held last Thursday and the final one will be this Thursday. The new school hall will hold a maximum of 200 or 220; the old school hall would hold 20 to 40 if needed. The program, insert and booklet are prepared. Timeline is being set up in the tunnel to assure it will stay up. Final edits of the book are being done. Archbishop's letter was mailed Monday. We will put pdf copy on the website and also print it. Dance attendance expected 96 at this point. Banner is done and will go between the two central front pillars of the church entrance. We need to buy tablecloths.

**Altar and Rosary:** Shoe Box Mission: 125 boxes were sent to the Appalachian Mountains area. LauraRose will coordinate a collection of socks and underwear for Dorothy Day Center folks – emphasis is for large and extra-large men's items. These can be left in the back of church by the St. Casimir statue.

Welcome/Greeters Committee: Tony mentioned having just one volunteer thus far and recent meeting did not draw additional interest. He will try reaching out via e-mail to bring along more volunteers. He would like to have 3 or 4 greeters for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Father had offered an evening training meeting, but no one attended.

**New Business:** Charity donations for December 2017 were discussed and the decision was to give a donation of \$500 each to nine local organizations: Options for Women East, Pro Life Action Ministries, Union Gospel Mission, Merrick Community Services, Eastside Learning Center, Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home, The Alley Shoppe, The Philomena House, and Solid Ground.

**Liturgy:** For the Feast of St. Casimir, 3/4/2018, the council voted to have a polka Mass and to book Nate's Old-Time Band for the event. Some attendees last year hoped for more of a polka party sound to the music; others prefer the liturgical music done in polka style which describes Nate's approach. Cathy said she would just ask him to pick up the beat a bit. Also, the band will be located on the main floor this year rather than in the choir loft, which should improve the experience for attendees. Bishop Cozzens is expected to attend. The Knights of Columbus will do the pancake breakfast after Mass. Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year.

Father Mike and Christina met with the school. Father, Christina and Suzanne will do a walk through with school leaders on Friday before the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so that everyone knows what needs to be done.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.