

Minutes of St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting September 12, 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.

Visitor: Kim Kroll

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

A concern was expressed regarding the piano in church which is used for some Masses, funerals and wedding services. Bob Hindel, a parishioner, periodically practices on that piano, and he plays it occasionally at weekday morning Mass. His playing style is very forceful, and there is a concern that during playing, breakage of a string may occur with too short a time for repair before a scheduled event that involves use of the piano. A former parishioner now deceased, Stella Kroll, provided the piano and monies in her memory paid for regular tuning in past years. More recently it was restrung and a damp chaser was installed because pins were coming loose from the wood. The tuner restrung the piano. Bills for upkeep now go to Christina for payment by the Church. Bob has a key to the church, given to him by Father Joe Ferraioli; he is not part of our parish's music ministry, but is a music minister at Sacred Heart Church. Father wishes to revise arrangements for use of the piano.

Minutes of the meeting of 8/8/17 were approved as written.

Pastor's report of 9/11 was noted. Father Mike received a letter noting that he will be named pastor of St. Casimir's and St. Patrick's and an installation at 9 a.m. Mass on Oct. 29 will be held.

Fall Festival: Julie reports that raffle ticket money is coming in and volunteers are coming forward to help with the event. Final meeting will be held next week.

125th Anniversary: Meeting was held 9/11/17 and there is limited space for the brunch – overflow could be set up in the old school hall if needed. If a group of 8 want tickets to sit together, they can reserve a table. Mass arrangements are coming along. Flyers to go up (for the dance) in back of church. After the fall festival, invitations will be sent out allowing 1 month for reservations to the dance and brunch. A confirmation will be provided, and wrist bands will be used at the dance on Dec. 2. There will be a display of photos and memorabilia. A power point with photo display of about the last 10 years will be shown. A timeline will be up on the wall as people walk to get their food. The committee envisions multiple seatings for the brunch. We will advise those making reservations that there is limited seating, and we won't be able to let everyone in, so early reservation action is advised. By November the number of reservations should be know. The plan is for 1 long table to serve the food with access from both sides.

Finance: Has a budget been completed and approved? Yes. The parish council has normally seen the budget and been allowed to ask questions for clarification, may we have that opportunity now? When the fall festival is done Father Mike wishes to evaluate how it went, whether people were interested, volunteered, attended the event. This will be put on the January meeting agenda.

Liturgy: The yearly Memorial Mass will be Nov. 4 and 5, 2017, recognizing those who died between Nov. 1, 2016 and 10/31/17. The families will receive invitations.

New Business: A blood drive will be held Monday 10/23/17 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the old school hall. Thirty units of blood are needed. News of the event will be on our web site and in the bulletin. After

many years of service, Jan and Jack Leguil are retiring from their volunteer positions, so other help will be needed that day. Thanks to both of them for their generous service. Are exterior church lights no longer being lit at night? They used to be on in the past, and were cheery in the darkness. Could they be put on again? Check on this with Suzanne – are they on a timer or not turned on? A focus for 2018 could be outreach to the Karen. Deb Blee will check with Christina about e-mail address for Da Poe to contact her about what we could display about their story for the 125th Anniversary. A social gathering with St. Patrick's parish council will be discussed further; Margie and Wayne liked the idea. A date in 2018 will be sought for this gathering.

Old Business: Regarding the desire to have greeters, Father Mike has ordered 6 books on greeters/ushers, and Father and those interested will take a look at these. Announcing the greeter position idea at Saturday/Sunday Masses would be good and a sign-up sheet would be available for those interested. It would be good to have family members, including children be greeters.

Maintenance: Check with Suzanne regarding cleaning old school hall floors now that school is in session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.