

**Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish
Parish Council Minutes
April 8, 2015**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Marian Milender.

Opening prayer provided by Shirley.

Attendance: Marian Milender, Shirley Van Dee, Mike Adrian, Ed Horras, Steve Pacha, Paul Fritz, Greg Ledger. Guests: Carol Robison, Rosemary Pacha.

Minutes from the March 11, 2015 meeting were read by M. Milender. The following amendments were made: 1) Faith Formation – correct spelling of “communicants”. 2) Church Life – Paul Fritz will email the Time & Talent Survey results to the members of the Parish Council. 3) Lawn Mowing – concerns only the Mother Cabrini/Richland property. 4) Spring Cleaning – only at St. Joseph. P. Fritz moved to approve the minutes as amended. G. Ledger second. Approved.

Committee Reports

Christian Service/Social Action: Our parish was mentioned in the diocese social action newsletter “Two Feet” for sewing for Haiti. The Brighton Community Garden is offering a free 10x10 garden plot for the 2015 growing season to anyone who would like it. They would like to know by April 14 (next week). Shirley will put a notice in the bulletin. We served about 60 people at the March Congregate Meal.

Family Life: R. Pacha will organize the April and May A/R committees to have a First Communion/Mother’s Day breakfast on May 3. Izzy and Keith Leppert are usually willing to make sausage gravy and Ted Lobello is usually willing to prepare eggs. Garry and Suanne Dickey have organized this breakfast for the past several years. We thank them for their service.

Liturgy: The Easter Triduum went well. We had a very special baptism and first communion on Easter Sunday. Congratulations to Carrol Shelangoski!

Faith Formation: We will have a prom mass on Saturday, April 18 at 4pm at Mother Cabrini. We will have graduation mass on May 17 at St. Joseph. Suanne Dickey did a wonderful job with the retreat for First Reconciliation participants and their parents. C. Robison is checking with Barb Hood to schedule and plan a CCD final class/celebration sometime in May.

Maintenance: We need a new lock on the Mother Cabrini church door. The key turns, but the deadbolt does not always move. Many fluorescent lights are out in the basement of St. Joseph. One floodlight is out upstairs at St. Joseph. The chain on the song board at St. Joseph is stuck and will require some attention. Bob Zager would like to install a spray faucet in one of the kitchen sinks at St. Joseph. P. Fritz repaired two kneelers at St. Joseph. We are noticing very deep scratches in some of the pews caused by jeweled and/or heavily riveted clothing.

Church Life: Nineteen people attended the prayer retreat led by Len Milender. His style of storytelling and sense of humor were appreciated. Time and Talent Survey has been emailed to Parish Council members. Web site visits have skyrocketed in the past two weeks. P. Fritz thinks it is some sort of robot reader and not actual parish usage. He will check further.

Altar and Rosary: April committee will help May committee with the May 3 breakfast. We had first congregate meal of the year. Had a large lunch for Genevieve Drish funeral. R. Pacha would like to know if there is interest in getting a group together to visit either the Culver (West Chester) or Hammond (Harper/Keota) barns? There is also a tour near Sharon Center that displays hay trolleys, equipment seats, seed sacks, old machinery, etc. We will bring it up nearer to June.

Finance: Right now we are about \$21,000 better (income – expense) than budget.

Old Business

Lawn Mowing: We are staying with Charles Searcy for mowing MC this year. No fertilizer for SJ lawn this year. Might want to fertilize MC lawn this year.

April 11 Church Cleaning at St. Joseph. We may have a short crew this year as Rubio is having a breakfast and there is an ag machinery auction in Richland. We should at least clean the floors under the pews, clean and oil the pews and clean the windows on the entry doors. May have to schedule a secondary date for cleaning.

New Business

Council Members: Curt Mottet's term officially expired in December of 2014, along with Garry Dickey, Denise Clarahan, and Ann Swanson. Arlene Fritz expressed interest in joining the council last year. S. Pacha moved to have Arlene Fritz succeed Curt Mottet for a three-year term. G. Ledger seconded. Approved.

After the closing prayer "Walking Together in Faith", P. Fritz moved to adjourn. S. Pacha seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Fritz