

Saint Joseph & Cabrini Parish Council Minutes – January 13, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by president Marian Milender.

Members present were: JoAnn Zager, Shirley Van Dee, Marian Milender, Greg Ledger, Jane Adrian, Susan Rutledge, Arlene Fritz, Leonard Drish, Ron Baker and Steve Pacha. Guests were Carol Robison and Rosemary Pacha.

Opening Prayer was led by Shirley “Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy”

Minutes from November 11, 2015 meeting were read by Jane Adrian. A motion was made by Steve Pacha to approve the minutes after corrections. Ron Baker 2nd the motion...All Ayes.

New Parish Council members were introduced and welcomed: Leonard Drish, Ron Baker and Susan Rutledge.

Community Reports: Christian Service/Social Action. The Parish donated 49.7 # of food to Food Pantry in Fairfield in December. The blood drive held at Mother Cabrini parish hall in December had good attendance. The overhead projector has been purchased by Paul Fritz from the Memorial of Betty Ledger.

Family Life: Arlene Fritz sent Christmas cards to nursing home and home bound members of parish. There will be an open house for Darlene Baldosier at Calu community room in Fairfield from 1:30-4 Pm to celebrate her 90th Birthday on Jan. 24th.

Liturgy: The parish organists are making plans for Lent & Easter .music . Shirley mentioned that the parish enjoyed the nice music presented by the choir during Advent & Christmas Masses.

Maintenance: Shirley said a new flag is needed at St. Joseph's. Steve will see about getting one. Furnace has not been keeping church warm. Chuck Ledger will check furnace. Ron Baker has volunteered to do the snow removal of sidewalks at both St. Joseph's and Mother Cabrini. We thank him for his services.

Faith Formation: Greg Ledger reported that Tristan Ledger, Trevor Drish, Ashtyn Drish and Ashley Lucas attended the NCYC on Nov. 19-21 in Indianapolis and that it was very rewarding for our youth. He is asking several of the youth to do a presentation about NCYC for our parish. Shirley would like the Confirmation students to attend the Chrism Mass on March 14th in Davenport at 5 Pm. At the Cathedral in Davenport. The Oils to be used throughout this next year will be blessed by the Bishop. As many as can should attend....very rewarding.

Church Life: Shirley said Paul reported that the website usage is up a little more this month. He has volunteered to continue to keep website up to date. Thank you Paul.

Altar Rosary: Rosemary Pacha reported a meeting was held last week. Gifts or Fruit baskets were delivered to all the nursing home and home bound members by Shirley with some assistance from Rosemary and Carol Robison. Rosemary is checking into having a parish trip to West Branch Grotto & Museum, the Dubuque Churches, and to Sioux City to see Missouri Valley Museum containing religious articles in the future.

New Business:

A soup Supper will be held on March 6th at Mother Cabrini Hall. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is just shy of \$100 reaching our goal. Need to get this finished up. Christmas Brunch on Epiphany Sunday was a nice gathering with plenty of Food.

Election of new officers took place with Greg Ledger being elected as President, Steve Pacha as Vice President, Jane Adrian reelected as Secretary.

Shirley reported that Sunday, February 14 the annual collection for the Cathedral in Davenport, our Church for the Diocese, the Bishop's Church, will take place

Susan Rutledge has volunteered to co-ordinate home visits to the sick and homebound. Thank you Susan.

Shirley said the required review for 3-year renewal for those serving as extra ordinary ministers will be scheduled.

Shirley brought up the sidewalk between the Mother Cabrini Church Hall

and the Senior Housing to the South. A resident at housing wanted it cleared for her daughter to walk to school bus on. This sidewalk is not maintained in the winter. Shirley contacted City Hall as to responsibility to clear walk. Council says this is a private walk and it is up to us if we clear it , city does not require it to be done. We discussed the liability as to whether a sign needed to be put up. Stating Private Property .

Shirley said Lent will start on Feb. 10th with Ash Wednesday. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on each Wed. with Soup. First Wed., Feb. 17th will be at Mother Cabrini and alternated with St. Joseph the next Wed.

Suggestions for additional practices of Mercy and Prayer during Lent. Susan Rutledge suggested doing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy , also suggested were adoration hours, small group discussions on “Living the Eucharist”

Complete cleaning of the Church will take place on Saturday, March 5th at 8 Am at St. Joseph Church to get ready for Easter and Confirmation. Need the help of everyone.

Next Parish Council meeting will take place on February 10th after the Ash Wednesday service.

Closing prayer was the Prayer for Vocations.

Steve Pacha made a motion to adjourn. Ron Baker seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 Pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Adrian, Secretary