

St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022

In attendance: Fr. Ryan Pietrocarlo
Mira Gasko
Ann Marie Sommers
Jose Magallon
Oscar Nunez
Sara Kurzhal
Vicki Kruszka

OPENING PRAYER led by Fr. Ryan

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Church Bathroom Update – We now have three estimates for the bathroom work: Niezgodski for \$75,000 for plumbing only, running the pipe to the street to connect with the water there; Jerry Tapia and Ivan Lopez (a parishioner) both for \$60,000 for plumbing and framing and running the pipe to the rectory. There will be another meeting on Thursday, November 3, in the church for updated discussions regarding the various quotes. Ivan Lopez will be in attendance to explain how the work would be done along with the plans that Paul Fujawa has drawn up.
- b. St. Casimir Parish Festival – \$5,676.00 was raised by the festival and that money is also going to the church bathroom fund.
- c. Council Membership Drive – Fr. Ryan invited Sara Kurzhal who was in attendance. Oscar Nunez is a new member representing the Nocturnal Adoration Group. Fr. Zach will be inviting a member of the Youth Group and the Young Adult group also.
- d. School Hallway Painting – Fr. Ryan said that there are parents who want to volunteer to sand and paint the main hallway in the St. Casimir school building. The paint will be donated.
- e. Ministry to the Sick and Homebound – Fr. Ryan indicated that not much progress has been made. We need to ‘clean out’ and update the parishioner lists. Mira has already started this task; Ann Marie will also check some office records/parish registry. She will also put a notice in an upcoming bulletin for people to submit new names for the letter-writing ministry.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Holy Name Society – An initial meeting was held on October 2 to get ideas on what this ministry should entail. Paul Fujawa would like it to be spiritually based and to help out on things like the Easter Sunday Mass procession, adoration on Holy Thursday after the evening Mass, perhaps adoration on the Feast of St. Casimir, etc. An announcement will be made in November at both the 9:30 and the 11:30 Masses, and a meeting will be held approximately a week later.

- b. Parish Christmas Activities – (pre-Christmas) The altar of remembrance will be set up again in front of the St. Joseph side altar for those who wish to bring pictures of their deceased loved ones. It will be put up by October 30 in time for All Saints Day and All Souls Day and will remain up for the month of November. On November 6, Fr. Ryan will have a bilingual prayer service at the St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Mikolaj (St. Nicholas) party will be on December 9 this year. The CCD kids will have a Posada from 9:00am to noon on December 17th in the St. Casimir gym. Also, Mira will chair our “Giving Tree” for seniors and a small Christmas tree will be set up in the church on which will be envelopes with names of participating seniors for parishioners to take, bringing the gifts back to church.

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a. Oscar Nunez explained the Nocturnal Adoration Group activities and invited anyone who wished to come to adoration on the first Saturday of each month. They start with a meeting at 8:30pm in the annex, with Mass at 9:00pm and adoration beginning at 10:00pm until 6:00am.
- b. It was proposed that the Memorial Society ads of both St. Casimir and St. Adalbert in the bulletin be combined in a money-saving effort.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Fr. Ryan.

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00pm in the meeting room.