

Knights of Columbus Council #2704 2015-16 The Pas, Manitoba

1. A meeting of the Charlebois Council was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 in the Guy Hall Clubroom. The meeting was called to order by the Grand Knight at 7:35 pm. Eight members were in attendance.
2. **Minutes of the September 13, 2016 Meeting:** The minutes were distributed and adopted.
3. **Grand Knight's Report:**
 - ◆ A summary of the Council recent activities was given, including a diocesan supper, help with the parish fall supper. Knights donated many hours to support these events.
 - ◆ The future of the Guy Hall continues to be a major issue.
 - ◆ The Grand Knight donated two tickets, to a comedy show in The Pas, for the "Twonie Draw" at this meeting.
 - ◆ There is a Stewardship session at the Guy Hall on October 15, starting at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Chaplain's Report:** Fr. Vijay noted the virtues recommended by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians: peace, joy, kindness, etc..
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer is working on the changing of the signing officers.
6. **Bills & Communications:**

All bills have been paid. A receipt for our annual Wheelchair Foundation donation was received.
7. **Financial Secretary's Report:**

Bro. Mancini was out of town. He submitted a written report:

 - 2017 membership cards have been received.
 - Progress has been made in clarifying the errors in our Council roster of members. A few more changes are being sought.
8. **Trustees Report:**

The Past Grand Knight chaired the first Trustee meeting held on October 12 at 5:30 PM. The minutes of this meeting were circulated for information. The Charlebois Foundation assets have improved since the April, 2016 report. In April, the Trustees had authorized a transfer of interest from the Riverside Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund to the OLSH parish's cemetery maintenance budget line. The Trustees also recommended that funds be transferred to the Council operating account for use in donations as decided by the Council. Some donation recommendations were presented to the Council for consideration.
9. **Committee/Project Reports**
 - a) Volunteer Hours: The report forms for September and October were circulated.
 - b) ICCD tickets: Bro. Rick Klima reported that of 92 books distributed, 15 have been sold to date.
 - c) Gift Cards: These continue to be sold until all gone.
 - d) 50/50 Draw: The draw at the Fall Supper netted \$153.00 for the Council. It was agreed to donate this to the Cathedral ceiling restoration.

- e) Remembrance Day: The Grand Knight will lay a wreath at the community Remembrance Day service.

10. Donations

- a) Food Bank Donation: The Trustees recommend deferring any donations for 2016-17 to early in 2017 in order to await clarification on what happened to our donation submission of December 2015.
- b) Cathedral Ceiling: A donation of \$5000 was approved for 2016-17 in order to see this project closer to completion.
- c) KCS Band Instrument Replacement: The Kelsey Community School (grades K-5) is actively raising funds to replace 30 year old basic band instruments used in its music program. The teacher is an active member of OLSH parish's music ministry. A donation of \$2,000 will be made to the KCS for the replacement of basic band instruments used by these early years students.
- d) Coats for Kids: This Supreme/State sponsored project was discussed. Some further information is needed to become involved, however in anticipation of the Council's involvement a donation of \$490 authorized.
- e) Contests: The KC Substance Abuse and Colouring Contests recommended by State were discussed. Bro. Carlson will investigate further.

11. Other Business:

- a) Installation of Officers: This was postponed to November, prior to the start of the meeting.
- b) District Meeting: A report on the September 17th District meeting held in The Pas was circulated. The Grand Knight (now the District Deputy as well) highlighted some of the items discussed.
- c) Council Fees: A discussion on the level of the annual fees, the proportion of Council members who actually pay fees, and the need to try to attract new members took place. The Charlebois Council Associate member fee for 2017 was set at \$10.00.

12. Good of the Order:

A protocol for the remembrance for deceased Council members was agreed on. A donation to the Riverside Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund (RCPCF) of \$100 each will be made in honour of deceased Council members Bob Garand and Jack Kennedy.

A concern about the recently stated position of Alberta/Yukon bishops regarding banning church funerals for those who commit suicide and other situations was raised. Discussion ensued. The consensus was that charitable/Christian consideration of the families of those unfortunate persons was more important than any banning (or burial restriction). Fr Robert noted he will approach the Archbishop for a clarification to the parish on the protocol here.

13. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. Socializing followed.

14. **Draw**: The Comedy Show tickets draw was won by Bro. Rick.

15. **Date of the next meeting**: Tuesday, WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2016

Vaughn Wadelius
Recorder