

Knights of Columbus Council #2704 2020-21 The Pas, Manitoba

1. A meeting of the Charlebois Council was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the Guy Hall KC room using social distancing. It was called to order by the Grand Knight at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were 11 officers, Bro. Archbishop Chatlain and a visiting member. Fr. Shantha Gandamalla.

2. **Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Meetings:** These were adopted.

It was noted that the June election of officers had vacancies and that subsequently some members volunteered to fill these positions.

M/S Wadelius/Kelly: That the Council ratify the 2020-21 Council officers as listed. **Carried**

3. **Membership:** Fr. Shantha Gandamalla plans to transfer to Charlebois Council from Thompson.

4. **Grand Knight's Report:** The GK reported that he had agreed to fill the position for one year. He planned to bring a fresh look at Council activities. As an introduction he asked each member present to give a summary of who they were and some of their background.

5. **Chaplain's Report:** Fr. Fiori was unavailable. Archbishop Chatlain and Fr. Shantha reported on upcoming events at the parish.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

Bro. Kelly reported that he has not yet developed the draft 2020-21 budget. He hoped to bring it for approval at the October Council meeting. He noted the current bank balance.

7. **Bills & Communications:** There was no correspondence. Two bills (\$23.08, !8.22) expenses for council meetings (cleaning supplies and personal masks) were allocated to the Meetings budget category.

8. **Financial Secretary's Report:**

Bro. Dave Mancini is in isolation. He reported that the membership cards for 2021 have been ordered. Some outstanding fees for 2020 are overdue.

9. **Trustees Report:** The first of three required Trustees meetings had not been held but an update report on the Charlebois Council Foundation investments had been provided. Some gains since the major losses earlier in the year were reported. The investment company's revisions may require the trustees to review the wording of its investment criteria. The trustees may have an opportunity to review the draft 2020-21 budget before the October Council meeting.

10. **Council Committee/Project Reports**

The many standard projects that have been done by the Council were reviewed. These included:

- a) Volunteer Hours: The report forms for July - August and September were circulated.
- b) Grub Box Gift Cards: Bro. Kelly had been activating this project last year.
- c) St. Paul's Birthday Party: The Council sponsors this event in Feb.
- d) ICCD Sales: The Council sold about half of its allotment last year. The new issue has raised the prices: 3 tickets for \$10, 1 ticket for \$5. A member to keep track of distribution and receipts is needed. Members were encouraged to take a few books to sell as it is unclear whether the usual sales venues in town would be activated.

- e) Food for Families: This may be utilized later in the Fall. It was suggested that additional funds be allocated in the new budget in order to meet an increase in local needs.
- f) Coats for Kids: This will be activated if there is a need.
- g) Parish Yard Cleanup: The GK called for a work group to adjust some of the paving that has collapsed and to remove the weeds growing through the brick sidewalks. Saturday, Sep 26th at 10:00 AM was set for this task, weather permitting. It may also be possible to collect fallen leaves as well.
- h) Nativity Scene: Done in late November.
- i) Remembrance Day: The Grand Knight usually lays a wreath on the Council's behalf, if the event proceeds as in the past.
- j) First Communion gifts: A special restricted First Communion service is to be held on Sunday afternoon, Sep. 20th. The GK will present rosaries to the children.
- k) RPS Challenge: This is under consideration for 2021. The April 2020 event was postponed due to school closure for Covid-19.
- l) Monument to Children: Flowers are provided each year.
- m) Altar Server gifts: These have not been provided in recent years.

11. District Deputy's Report:

DD Kelly gave a short report, and noted there are now easier initiation procedures for new members.

12. Other Business:

Donation possibilities: A discussion of some possible community projects took place. It was agreed to consider support in the budget for the parish and a major community project.

13. Good of the Order: Prayers were requested for members and their spouses who are ill.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

15. Draw: The Toonie draw was won by Bro. Don.

16. Date of the next meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for October 13 .

Other proposed meeting dates (depending on Covid-19 and other factors) are :
Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8.

Recorder
V. Wadelius