

Minutes for Membership Meeting, July 12, 2021

KofC – St. Brigid of Kildare Council #10863

Call to Order – Grand Knight (GK) John Willi called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. It was held as a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Opening Prayer – Deacon Paul Zemanek led the members in the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – GK Willi led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting – GK Willi stated the minutes of the June Council meeting had been distributed and asked if there were any comments to those minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Chaplin's Message – Deacon Paul provided an update on the planned parish "re-opening" event. Currently it is expected to occur in conjunction with the Tapestry Weekend program generally held by the parish. Tentative dates are September 26th or October 10th. In addition, Deacon Paul reported that Sunday Mass attendance is continuing to increase and that group baptisms (limit 5 families on a weekend) are being conducted. The Council has an opportunity to re-start the Roses for Mothers program that has been on hiatus due to the pandemic restrictions.

Lecturer's Reflection – Tony Trippe provided a reflection on the past Sunday's readings referencing our call to go out and proclaim the Gospel. He included a short segment of Bishop Barron's homily on these readings during the meeting. The link to the full homily is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsX3tkeLZa4>

Grand Knights Report – GK Willi continued with his report:

First he welcomed the members to the start of a new Fraternal Year and encouraged all to join in at least some of the activities being planned for the year. He noted that the Council Calendar has been prepared to identify planned events.

GK Willi then recognized Deacon Don Poirier for his past service to the Council as the Chaplin's representative and for his ongoing efforts as an interface to the parish and parish activities.

The next council meeting will be held Monday August 2nd at PGK Tim Solack's house - given a reasonable weather forecast.

Treasurer's Report – Vince Mazza presented the Treasurer's report and stated that the checking account had a balance of \$3,380.07 after payment of Measure Up Campaign and State per capita expenses incurred late in the 2020/2021 fraternal year. The Scholarship account had a balance of \$16,085 with \$2,000 in checks outstanding and the Savings account had a balance of \$21,687.

Financial Secretary Report – Steven Miller presented an overview of the planned 2021/2022 Fraternal Year budget. He summarized the the key differences in planned income and expenses for 2021/2022 versus those from 2020/2021. The categories of spending are aligned to the Faith in Action program areas. It was noted that the 2020/2021 Fraternal year ended with approximately \$9,100 surplus - due in part to the

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movement of the State Measure Up and Per Capita expenses from 2020/2021 to 2021/2022. In addition several other changes resulted in an anticipated deficit for the coming year and finally a major update to the council website to improve security and usage has been identified as a need. The overall result is a budget that has a potential deficit of \$11,130 for 2021/2022 covered in part by a \$9,130 surplus from 2020/2021 with the remaining \$2,095 coming from savings. It was noted that \$3,000 was budgeted for the website update and the while that effort has just started it is currently anticipated to not require that much of an investment.

Membership Report – GK Willi reported that no new membership forms have been received and that based on our current roster our membership goal for the year is 12 so all members are asked to help recruit new members.

Other Reports –

- Website Re-host - Communications Director Andy De Jaco reported that initial efforts to re-host and better secure the council website are underway. These include transition to the goDaddy hosting platform using the WordPress Content Management System. As the communication activity moves forward Andy will handle e-mail communications for the council and Keith Brodman will handle maintenance and updating of the revised website.

Deputy Grand Knight – DGK Mike Less reported that the next planning meeting will be held virtually on Monday July 19th at 7:15pm. In addition, if anyone needs a council logo golf or dress shirt to please contact Mark Muresan or Mike Less.

Faith in Action Program Reports –

Faith: Mike Sliclen, PGK reported that the Coffee & Prayer group meets at 8:30am on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays virtually until the hall re-opens. In addition the That Man Is you program will be conducted again starting September 11th with recruiting starting about August 1st. Effort will be made to re-start the Roses for Mothers program to include arrangements with Kroger's for Roses and the Parish Office for the certificates. Finally no reports were received of deceased Knights or Knight Family members.

Family: DGK Mike Less reported for Tom Heise that the Knight's Family Picnic is planned for September 18th and that sign-ups will be needed to help with setup and clean-up.

Community: reported on:

- *Older St. Brigid Adult Support Program Update – was provided by GK John Willi with a mention of the support by the knights and families members (Ron Kendzior, John Younkman, Deacon Paul Zemanek, Michael Flock and daughter Maggie, PGK Dan Schreibeis, DGK Mike Less and wife Joane and GK John Willi) who helped with the July 10th session. A follow-up work party is planned for July 24th to complete*

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painting and drywall repairs. Finally a short landscape maintenance project is planned for Wednesday July 14th.

- *Kairos Update – Joe Moore reported that the prisons are re-opening to visitors and family members which is good for the residents. A Kairos weekend is being planned for March 2022 with more information as it is available.*
- *Memorial Golf Outing – Terry Miller reported that the Golf outing will be a scramble with a tee time of 1:00pm at the Mill Creek course. He noted that raffle prizes are needed as this is where the majority of the scholarship funding is raised. Members are encouraged to approach merchants for donations and/or to donate items for the raffle.*
- *Dublin Food Pantry Assistance – PGK Bill Sabatino reported that the Dublin Food pantry can always use support and to please use the link in the weekly Sunday newsletter to sign-up for an open shift.*
- *PGK Bill Sabatino noted that flags are placed on the graves of veterans for Patriot's Day on September 11th. He has ordered the flags and will be needing assistance with that event.*

Life: Nick Little reported that the Silver Rose and Dublin Walk for Life events are being tracked for participation next year - timing did not work for this past month. Also a nice thank you note was received from the Pregnancy Decision Health Center for the council's contributions to the recent diaper / baby shower drive. Finally a number of projects are under review with the Women's Care Center for later this year.

4th Degree Report – GK John Willi reported that the Blue Mass is scheduled for St. Timothy's on September 10th and that the Council's Knights Memorial Mass is scheduled for October 17th.

District Deputy Report – DD Eric Yang reported on district and state items. He welcomed the council to our new District #36 and said the first District Meeting would be August 7th. He also recommended celebration for our founder's dy of August 13th - possibly the Prayer Hour for Blessed Michael McGivney. He also encouraged participation in upcoming training webinars on July 22 for Fraternal Year and Delta Church Drives on the 17th, 21st and 28th. The McGivney2020 code is still active for 2021 for free e-memberships in the Knights of Columbus. Eric encouraged listing any in-person exemplifications ceremonies on the chapter website so they can be shared among the districts. Finally he closed with a reminder to complete the semi-annual audit which is due by August 13th and to participate in the State "Road Tour" meeting Friday July 16th.

Insurance Agent – No report.

Chancellor's Report – Joe Moore requested that anyone wanting to move on to the 3rd degree should contact him. PGK Tom Ozello is now leading our mentorship

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program and is asking for volunteers to mentor new knights. Please contact atom if you are able and willing to help.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – John Willi, GK identified the only new business as the first approval of the 2021/2022 budget.

DGK Mike Less made a motion to Approve the Council 10863 2021/2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by Joe Moore. After a call for for comments no comments were made. The motion was approved.

Good of the Order – Upcoming Awards for members and others:

- Knight of the Month Award Nominations:-Tim Solack, PGK (hosting June meeting), Steve Miller and Mike Less (working 2021/22 budget)
- Family of the Month Award Nominations: None
- Recognized Knights of the Month: Tim Solack,PGK; Steve Miller and Mike Less; Mike Murphy and Andy DeJaco (website); Joe Moore and Keith Brodman (website re-host).

Grand Knight's Summary - GK Willi looking forward to in-person meetings starting for after meeting social.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Paul led the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney for the following Intentions:

- Unemployed/Under Employed Brother Knights
- Those impacted by the pandemic, health care workers and first responders
- Brothers/Family Members that are ill

Adjournment - Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:35pm.