

Holy Name Council #12503 • Business Meeting 01-21-2021 • MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER • VIRTUAL MEETING • 8:00 PM

Roll Call: GK Robert LaMastro, Deacon Bob Fanelli, Rod Falkenstein, Joseph Fagan, Frank Bruzek, Dave Porreca, Bill Singer, Steve Martinez, Nick Riccuiti, Vince Castagna, John Student, Curt Howard, Don Lynch, John McGonigle, Peter Joyce, Paul Driscoll.

Minutes from the 12/17/2020 Business Meeting approved as distributed via email.

Grand Knight's Report:

1. Thank you, Brother Knights and volunteers for the outstanding job on the Christmas baskets.
2. Online "Zoom" meetings will continue for the foreseeable future due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. Vaccine signup lists are available through the NJ Vaccine Scheduling System, [www.covidvaccine.nj.gov](http://www.covidvaccine.nj.gov). Signups are also available at Inspira Hospital [www.inspirahealthnetwork.org](http://www.inspirahealthnetwork.org).
4. We are still in search of a volunteer to take the position of Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Check 1803 – Curt Howard – Coats for Kids – \$834.56
2. Check 1804 – Rod Falkenstein – Postage for Dues Notices: 200 stamps – \$110
3. Deposits: \$1,563.00; Dues – \$450.00; Food Drive – \$380
4. Account Balance: \$19,535.39

Financial Secretary's Report: N/A

Trustees Report: N/A

Standing Committees:

1. Pro-Life: No bus this year, no march to be held on account of the pandemic. It is suggested to attend mass either in person or online to remember the day, Jan. 22. Incarnation is also having a mass and the Rosary.
2. Blood Drive: John McGonigle met with Mary DiPasquale and the date of the drive is set for Friday, February 5, from 12 noon to 5 pm. Our goal is 27 pints. John has a PDF file with reminders and links, added announcements to the church bulletin, and Facebook posts to the Holy Name K of C Facebook page, and shared out to other local community Facebook pages.
3. Habitat for Humanity: N/A

4. St. Vincent DePaul: Help is needed for an older gentleman who is in need of a ramp to his trailer home. The home itself is in urgent need of repair as well.
5. Baptisms: 2 on Sunday 1/23 – Rod Falkenstein will represent; 1 on 1/31 – GK Bob LaMastro will work.
6. Membership: No report. Dues are due.
7. Christmas Food Baskets: As of 12/23/2020, \$1,060 was deposited, plus an additional \$380 tonight. We are close to covering the cost of \$2,046.74
8. Coats for Kids: Donations totaling \$1,129.56 was collected towards the cost of \$834.56. We have a balance of \$295.00 to go towards the 2021 Coats for Kids Drive. Thank you!

#### Unfinished Business:

1. Volunteers needed for the Membership Retention Drive Committee – Frank Bruzek, Curt Howard, and Steve Martinez volunteered.
2. 501c3 Meeting: The peaceful transfer of power from Peter Joyce to Frank Bruzek took place and a guidance document was presented. Motion to accept the adoption of the guidance document for the Holy Name Council 12503 Charities Inc. made by Bill Singer, Second by Don Lynch. Passed unanimously. Letter attached at the end of minutes.
3. Nancy Wittig needs help with filing her taxes. Can any brother help or recommend an accountant?

#### New Business: N/A

#### Insurance Agent's Report – Joseph Fagan, Agent:

1. KofC Insurance had a record year in 2020 – especially remarkable during the pandemic – the financial stability of the organization is strong.
2. Who's to predict the future of the stock market and risky investments? There's no crystal ball answer. A conservative, fixed annuity will work in your plan as part of a well-balanced portfolio of investments. For more info, contact Joe Fagan.

#### Good of the Order:

1. Pray for Tom and Sharon Fileccia, Sam Gangemi, Fr. Mike, NJ State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, Tom Saeli, Jr., Hoopes Family, Parker Family, Nancy Wittig, Joe Carlucci, Tom Dougherty.

MEETING ADJOURNED, 9:09 pm.

PGK Paul Driscoll, Recorder

September 29, 2020

Robert LaMastro  
Grand Knight  
Holy Name Council 12503

Dear Rob,

This is to formally inform you and the council that I am resigning as President of Holy Name Council 12503 Charities, Inc., effective December 31, 2020. I have enjoyed my unique position for a long time but realize that 10+ years is enough. And even though I am the only President the corporation has had, with time it dawns on you that others need a chance to lead and this can't go on forever.

I have chosen the end of this year as the time to step down along with this three month lead time for you and the council to both find a replacement and make sure that replacement and ones after him are installed in a sustainable manner. The issues surrounding the Mantua council are ones that should never have arisen and ones that we do not want to propagate into our own council. While what we call 'Charities', our 510C-3, is an independent legal entity, it derives its authority from the MEMBERS of the council. Towards this goal of subordinate sustainability, I have set down a set of principles that I would like to see considered and adopted by the council. And any new President, sworn in by the outgoing President (or corporate office holders) would have to represent to the council that he upholds these principles as a condition of the position. (What is bound on Earth is bound in Heaven, What is bound in Heaven is bound on Earth).

These principals are:

1. The President of Holy Name Council 12503 Charities Inc., be elected by a majority of members of Holy Name Council 12503 at a council business meeting where the Knights of Columbus rules are suspended in order to hold the election. The election for a new President is to be published in the meeting minutes of the previous business meeting.
2. The President names his officers – Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. None of these, including the President, can be an office holder or the Financial Secretary of the Council.
3. The term of the President is set at a minimum of 2 years but can be extending by a majority vote of the council for as many succeeding terms as the council and the President see fit.
4. The President affirms that while he is the leader of the 501C-3, his job is to carry out the financial wishes of the members of the council with respect to receiving funds from charitable activities or the council and in paying/dispersing out funds to charitable groups or the council. As such, the council through the Grand Knight, can direct via voting of the members where funds are received or allocated during the course of normal business meetings. The President has NO authority to disburse or receive funds without the agreement of the members of the council with the exception of administration expenses.

5. On at least an annual basis, and whenever required by the council or the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary, the President will account for all funds going into and out of the corporation. (I have data going back 10 years that accounts for every penny that I will pass on.) As such, the President must have the ability to add data to and operate the existing Excel spreadsheet holding the 'Charities' funds. This function can also be accomplished via other software like Quick-books.
6. On an annual basis, but before April 15 of each year, the President will e-file with the IRS the appropriate form they require.

While all of this might sound a bit wordy, I believe accepting these principles or similar ones will serve us well.

To move forward, I suggest that you do two things.

1. Solicit from the council members who might like to be the President of Charities and have a vote on this no later than the November meeting so that I can turn over signatory authority and train that person after he is voted in.
2. Appoint a small committee to review the principles I have laid out and then present them to the council to be adopted by the council. I do NOT recommend changing the by-laws of the corporation, which can be done, since this will incur a legal expense and may result in an unforeseen outcome from the IRS.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to helping you with this transition.

With love,



Peter J. Joyce

President

Holy Name Council 12503 Charities, Inc.