

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 13th, 2024

Present: Fr. Kevin McManaman, Christine Blackwood, Mary Sue Taft, Ben Rucka, Paul LaRosa, Kathy Monacelli, Matthew Evrard, Linda Witkowski, Alan Close, Harold(Jim) Anderson, Sandy Kramschuster, Camille Nicolai, Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz, Elizabeth Hanson.

Not Present: Paulanne Ferrito, Mary Binder, Maggie Ensing, Fr. Anthoni Jorge, Mike Wusterbarth.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Linda Witkowski.

- 1) **Opening Prayer** – Fr. Kevin
- 2) **Approval of May 9th, 2024 Meeting Minutes** - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Elizabeth Hanson. Seconded by Paul LaRosa, none opposed, motion passes.
- 3) **Pastoral Council Officer Discernment** - The pastoral council officer discernment was led by Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz. Fr. Kevin nominated Linda Witkowski for a second term as Chairperson. She accepted and no other nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve her second term as Chairperson, none opposed, motion passes. Next, Fr. Kevin nominated Kathy Monacelli for a second term as Vice-Chairperson. She also accepted and no other nominations were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve her second term as Vice-Chairperson, none opposed, motion passes. Christine Blackwood then self nominated for the position of Secretary. There were no other nominations. A motion was made to approve her as Secretary, none opposed, motion passes.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) **Auction Committee Thank You** - The auction committee sent a thank you to the Pastoral Council for the donation of the Solo Stove Bonfire Pit.
 - b) **Leadership Retreat** - The Pastoral Council had a short discussion regarding doing a leadership retreat. They reviewed the common meeting nights and felt September 17th would work best. While on the topic of common meeting night Linda asked the Pastoral Council members to send her their liaison requests. She also mentioned with Elizabeth ending her term they will also need another volunteer to welcome new members.
 - c) **Hospitality Weekend Thank You** - A thank you was extended to all the Pastoral Council members that helped out during this week's hospitality weekend.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) **Review LOA Charitable Fund Recommendations for approval** - Sr. Eileen brought paperwork for three Love One Another proposals for review and approval by the Pastoral Council. All three had passed the initial review by the Love One Another Charitable Fund committee and met the requirements of the program. The Pastoral Council then discussed the three proposals. The council agreed that each of the proposals were a good use of the LOA funds. Each proposal had a motion to approve that was seconded, none opposed, each motion passes.
 - b) **Proxy Approval: Home & School Playground** - The Home and School committee has been having Fun Runs for the last couple of years. The events were held to raise funds to repair and improve the playground. The funds to complete the repair are available but are over \$79,000 and require a proxy that

also needs approval by the Pastoral Council. A discussion was had regarding the playground and then a motion was made by Christine Blackwood to approve this proxy. Seconded by Elizabeth Hanson, none opposed, motion passes.

- c) **Proxy Approval: LOA Kitchen Steamer and Dishwasher** - One of the proposed projects of the Love One Another Campaign was to replace the aging steamer and dishwasher in the school kitchen. The funds are available to complete this project and Fr. Kevin drafted the proxy to release these funds to complete this repair. The Pastoral Council reviewed this proxy and then a motion to approve it was made by Elizabeth Hanson. Seconded by Kathy Monacelli, none opposed, motion passes.
- 6) **Finance Council Report** - The Finance Council discussed Script and ways to promote this program. They also discussed ways to cut down on check use. They reviewed April's financials. They are also reviewing the net auction income. The "fund a need" portion of the auction raised approximately \$18,000. Finally, they had reviewed the Home & School project that was discussed with the proxy approval earlier in the Pastoral Council meeting.
- 7) **Committee Updates**
 - a) **School** - No Update.
 - b) **Christian Formation** - No Update.
 - c) **Liturgy/Worship** - Liturgy/Worship started by going through ministry updates. The next topic was that we will not have a procession for Corpus Christi but will be part of the National Eucharistic Procession. The committee ended with a discussion regarding potential improvements to the parish website.
 - d) **Human Concerns** - No Update.
 - e) **Stewardship** - The Stewardship Committee is still tweaking the updated welcome packet for new parishioners and are looking to host a nametag Sunday in Fall.
- 8) **Pastor's Report** - Fr. Kevin started by stating that St. Alphonsus will be a stop on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Next, he mentioned that the last day of school was Wednesday and the school year ended on a high note. He also stated that the school is starting to work on the curriculum for next year. He then announced that Emily Comfort, the Director of Child and Family Ministry, is moving to Kansas City so we will have a new opening for the parish staff posted shortly. The next thing he addressed was the fee increase in stipends and stoll fees that was implemented statewide. He is also happy that he has been getting more Weddings and Validations. He continued to inform the Pastoral Council that the security grant has been applied for and we will know the results in late July. Also in July, Deacon Matthew Szymanski, our teaching seminarian, will be preaching during all masses on the weekend of the 6th and 7th. He also added that Fr. Anthoni will be back on the 27th of June. He concluded with the celebratory news that Deacon Jim won a Vatican II award.
- 9) **Closing Prayer** - Fr. Kevin

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 by Linda Witkowski.

Respectfully submitted Matthew Evrard