

St. Alphonsus Pastoral Council Minutes

9/7/2022

Present: Debbie Sievert, Mary Binder, Kathy Monacelli, Robert Lange, Paul LaRosa, Pat Kempen, Pat Schulz, Matt Evrard, Mary Sue Taft, Tim Blaeske, Jim Stamatakos, Linda Witkowski, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Adam Ferrito, Paulanne Ferrito

Absent/Excused: Elizabeth Hanson

Guest Observers: Barbara Bova

Opening Prayer – Fr. Patrick (7:01 AM)

Approval of minutes 8-11-2022, Meeting Minutes

Mary Binder motioned to approve. Pat Schulz seconded motion. Motion passes & minutes approved with minor corrections.

Old Business

*Ministry Fair – Mary Binder

The fair at the beginning of September was very successful – Committees received many new leads for volunteers. Mary Binder will contact committees to make sure follow up to prospective members/volunteers will happen so they can get plugged in ASAP.

*New Members – Pat Schulz

3 new members – Pat S. spoke to 2. One was very happy to receive Pat S's call. One said she "enjoyed our church". Pat S. started sending notes to people who signed the Welcome Book pre-pandemic and suggested that Pastoral Council members reach out to parishioners who've been notably absent. Fr. Kevin suggested that we put the book out again.

*Slack – Jim Stamatakos

PC Slack Channel is online! Jim S. encouraged everyone to download app on their phones and turn on notifications so they can receive updates from the Channel. Jim S. provided an overview of how the channel works and a discussion ensued about what PC members can do within the Channel. Jim S. emphasized that this is an internal tool meant to share information and improve intra-Pastoral Council communication.

New Business

Fr. Kevin discussed Archdiocese of Milwaukee's upcoming Capital Campaign – Love One Another. After 9/18 Fr. Patrick and Sr. Eileen will create a document based around feedback and questions received about renderings displayed in the Gathering Space. Impetus for the campaign is coming from the Archbishop of MKE – every parish is required to do one. St. A's is in "Wave 3" which will begin in January or February 2023. St. A's is looking into the feasibility of funding several projects through the money earned from the Campaign, some identified by John Campbell. Campaign goal is set by Archdiocese – St. A's goal is 140% of the 2019 fiscal year parish offertory total - just over \$2M. 60% of money raised by St.

A's will go to St. A's. Campaign is a five-year campaign. Pat S. voiced a concern about the feasibility of reaching the goal given the current state of the economy. She also stressed a desire to make sure that the cost of any projects that are a "go" will not exceed what is raised. More information about the Love One Another Campaign can be found online at www.loveoneanothermke.org.

*Norms – Robert Lange & Paul LaRosa

Bob L. and Paul L. attended training on Pastoral & Financial Councils. Importance of understanding norms was emphasized, and Bob L. encouraged Council members to become familiar with both Arch norms and St. A's norms to understand how and why the Pastoral Council operates the way it does. Bob L. introduced a "Vibrant Council's Checklist" as a summary of the norms.

*Training at the Arch - Paul LaRosa

Paul L. discussed goals of workshop for Pastoral and Finance Councils: Focus on Catholic Identity, Stewardship, Evangelization. Emphasized actively recruiting members for Parish Leadership to create a sense that membership in Parish Committees isn't exclusive. Vibrant parishes have vibrant councils and vice versa. Would parishioners be able to point to/highlight something the PC did to further one of these areas? Creative thinking to solve problems encouraged.

*Retreats: 3/30 – 4/1/2023 = Women's Retreat. St. A's is looking for leaders to plan and implement retreat. Also looking to recruit potential attendees. The 2/17/2023 - 2/18/2023 Men's Retreat also needs volunteers to facilitate as well as recruitment for participants.

*Hospitality Weekend September 10-11: PC members checked list to make sure that all Masses are staffed since PC is sponsoring hospitality this weekend.

*Fall Leadership In- Service September 20th: Sr. Eileen needs a count of who will be attending from Parish leadership groups. Dinner comes first followed by a speaker.

Committee Updates

- a) School – Science consultant coming to work with middle school teachers. Science labs being refurbished. School getting new website. "Help Us Strive in 85" is theme for the year to coincide with being in Greendale for 85 years. School also looking to enter 7/4 parade to promote school. Working to earn Exemplary Excellence in Catholic Identity.
- b) Christian Formation – Classes start next Sunday! Discussed +/- of classes and are looking for catechists to teach. Adult Formation brochures went out. 70 people attended Fr. Kevin's talk and about 70 for Dan Schultz. RCIA inquiry begins 9/21.
- c) Liturgy/Worship – When will new liturgy/ministry director be brought on? Timeline? Many liturgical ministries got new volunteer leads at Ministry Fair. ME will be sharing PC goals with committee to give them ideas to formulate their own goals. Working on seasonal themes. Lectors can bring books up to altar at start of Mass.
- d) Human Concerns – No Report

- e) Census – Still working on collecting data from 918 names who didn't return information. Working with parishioners to update contact information for this group. Census should be complete by year's end with those who don't respond being marked "No Contact."
- f) Vocations – No Report
- g) Respect Life – Committee is retooling: Met 8/25. Group has three members and are still working out when regular meetings will occur. Going to focus on how to focus parish life through prayer. Parish to "adopt" Women's Care Center? What does the Church teach about life?
- h) Long Range Goals – Creating document to ensure that follow up on goal setting is happening.

Financial Report – Council met to discuss year-end financials. Parish was reimbursed for use of EANS funds (\$73,000 as income). School subsidy was able to be reduced as a result. \$2,732 surplus at year end. Arch approved FY 2023 budget. Phone systems looking to be upgraded in the future with the phone system upgrade occurring before the planned Q4 (Apr-Jun 2023) timeframe.

Pastor's Remark's – Fr. Kevin ready to go on sabbatical. Work on Liguori Room is progressing and should be complete by time Fr. Kevin returns. Eucharistic Revival kicks off in October - a group will go to a meeting hosted by the Arch to get started. Fr. Patrick is ready to go as temporary administrator. Fr. Mark Niehaus will be helping as well by presiding over Masses along with Fr. Patrick.

Associate Pastor Remarks – Sacred Heart seminarian Jeff Church will be helping at St. Al's. Parishioners will be able to provide feedback on his preaching since he's moving from being a deacon to becoming a priest. Jeff will be assigned here for his pastoral ministry. He will be learning more about parish administration.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Kevin (Meeting closed 8:32 PM)

Minutes submitted to St. Alphonsus Parish Office on Tuesday, October 18th 2022

Signature:  _____

Date: 10/18/2022