

Pastoral Council Minutes
June 8, 2023

Present: Mary Binder, Matt Evrard, Elizabeth Hanson, Pat Kempen, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Mary Sue Taft, Paul La Rosa, Ben Rucka, Kathy Monacelli, Pat Schulz, Linda Witkowski.

Observers: None

Absent: Debbie Sievert, Christine Blackwood, Maggie Ensing, Adam Ferrito, and Paulene Ferrito

Mary Binder called the meeting to order at 7:01

Opening Prayer: Fr. Patrick

Approval of the May 11, 2023 minutes with a few corrections. Kathy Monacelli made a motion to approve, Linda Witkowski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers: None

New Business:

- Election of Officers/Discernment overseen by Pat Kempen. Officer norms were sent out electronically to all PC members prior to the meeting. Open positions are: chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. Mary Binder and Linda Witkowski for chairperson nominated; Linda Witkowski won the nomination. Elizabeth Hanson and Kathy Monacelli nominated to vice chairperson; Kathy Monacelli won the nomination. Matt Evrard and Ben Rucka nominated for Secretary; Ben Rucka declined the nomination. Matt Evrard won the nomination for Secretary. The youth representative is open and an individual is considering the position. Fr. Kevin provided a blessing on the new officers.
- Special thanks to Pat Kempen, Pat Shultz, Debbie Sievert, and Adam Ferrito who have concluded their service on the parish council.
- Mary Binder- Prompted all new and current PC members that in the fall the five standing committees (School, Christian Formation, Liturgy and Worship, Human Concerns, Stewardship/Long Range) will need to be assigned. Linda Witkowski will work with each member for new fall committee assignments.
- Pastoral Council will host hospitality weekend on June 17th and 18th.
- Pat Schulz new members: In May, Pat welcomed seven new households (12 adults and 3 children). Pat Schulz called and sent notes to all seven households welcoming them to St. Alphonsus. Pat Schulz will be retiring from welcoming households as of June 2023; and Elizabeth Hanson accepted the welcoming new members position.
- Elizabeth Hanson inquired about the return of the eucharistic medallion to avoid confusion with who is serving as eucharistic ministers. Fr. Kevin stated that Deacon Jim was working on that and believed they would be returning the weekend of June 24/25th. Deacon Jim has said that when

he is not on the schedule as eucharistic minister he will take the little ciborium to serve the choir and parishioners needing assistance. Deacon Jim will call individuals to serve as cup bearers for the foreseeable future.

Old Business/Committee Updates:

- School – State of the School: reviewed the finances (2021 & 2022 data used) and how the parish supports the school. Currently the parish provides approximately half the cost of educating a student when you included all overhead cost (e.g. salaries, utilities, insurance, custodial) are considered. With smaller projected enrollment, the school parents' portion may increase. Other revenue sources need to be explored including the annual school appeal; school family support of SCRIP; and the possibility of the school hosting hospitality weekend to boost additional support. The possibility of re-starting extra-curricular activities with the aid of volunteers was discussed. Evaluating the pros and cons of initiating of a "Choice" program was discussed, but as of now no decisions have been made.
- Pat Schulz inquired about the school graduations at the 4:30 mass again. Fr. Kevin indicated with smaller class sizes, graduations during all mass could be considered. However, with the larger class sizes in the past two years it was not practical for the graduating student and family members during one of the regular scheduled masses.
- Christian Formation: Classes have concluded for the school year. Karen Farrell has started recruiting instructors and begun registration.
- Liturgy and Worship: There was some discussion about the Liturgy/Worship Director position. Addressed the Pentecost change over; June 11th Corpus Christi procession; celebration of Deacon Jim 40th anniversary on May 20/21; Fr. Wally's 65th anniversary on June 4th; and Fr. Patrick's farewell on June 17/18th. It was planned to do select officers for the committee but many members weren't in attendance, Matt Evrard will stay on as secretary. Looking at recruiting additional members for the committee. In a chain of emails, it was determined that Mary Newell and Terry Seipel will be co-chairs of the liturgy committee starting in the fall.
- Human Concerns: No report
- Long Range/Stewardship/Strategic Planning: No report
- Finance Council: Special guest, Russ Johnston spoke about school financials and projected enrollment. The school has 150 students budgeted for the coming calendar school year. At this point, 139 of 150 students are confirmed for the fall. This year the school had 27 graduates and last year there were 36 graduates. The school expects to use more of the subsidy than was projected in last year's budget.

Final Notes

- Our Love One Another Campaign is in the public phase and has approximately 70% of our total goal. A special thanks to the chair people and volunteers and all who assisted in the campaign.
- Eucharistic revival begins this weekend (June 10/11) for the parish phase throughout the country. There is an Eucharistic Congress at the archdiocese on Saturday. People can register online for a variety of talks on the diocese's website.

- “This is My Body” book giveaway by Bishop Barron. A special donation was made to purchase the books. This book will help us kick off St. Alphonsus Eucharistic revival. There are also free online videos that Bishop Barron also has published that goes along with the book.
- Music and Liturgy Director- search continues. 6 individuals have been interviewed. 4 candidates have auditioned. It took Saint Mary’s a year and a half to locate a director. There seems to be a limited number of candidates who have this liturgical specialty.
- Directory of Child Ministry- search continues. 5 candidates have been interviewed. Fr. Kevin stated that it is a little surprising how difficult to find qualified individual(s) for this position.
- Our new associate pastor Fr. Anthony George - starts July 5
- June 19 to July 5, Fr. Kevin will be running St. Alphonsus solo, with assistance for weekend masses.
- Planning a Corpus Christi procession through Greendale on June 11 after the 11:00 mass, depending on the weather. The current weather forecast for Sunday doesn’t look promising.
- The Precious Blood cup will be returning this (June 11) weekend. We will be starting with two stations and will evaluate as the year goes.
- St. Alphonsus’ 85th anniversary is on July 31 as well as Greendale’s anniversary. Bishop Haines will be coming to celebrate on that weekend. Sister Eileen is working on a plan for a potential gathering on this weekend and if you want to assist please contact her. A parish picnic may be included as part of this anniversary or at a later date, when more people are around. We are also looking at bringing back the volunteer appreciation dinner/social.
- Mission Appeal – Fr. Javier Gautiva from the Community of St. Paul, possible ideas: sister parish, international and domestic partnership, possibly a Lenten initiative next year.
- Special thanks to Paul LaRosa to help reinstate the collections at each mass. There are not enough ushers to go around, and not everyone wants all the ushering duties, so we moved to collectors. We can tell that it has made a difference in our collections.

Fr. Kevin’s Vision for St. Alphonsus Parish

A Community Encountering and falling in love with Jesus Christ,
who is at the center of all we do!

- Fr. Patrick shared this in closing- “It has been a great honor to work with all members of St. Alphonsus Pastoral Council. Each of you is very dedicated and has your own God-given gifts. Its been a gift for me to see the many ways you share your gifts.

Fr. Kevin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM

Respectively submitted by Elizabeth Hanson