

Pastoral Council Minutes
1/12/2023

Present: Mary Binder, Tim Blaeske, Matt Evrard, Paulene Ferrito, Adam Ferrito, Elizabeth Hanson, Pat Kempen, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Kathy Monacelli, Pat Schulz, Debbie Sievert, Mary Sue Taft, Linda Witkowski

Observers: Nadine Flemming, Mary Jo Petushek, Sue Gassmann

Absent: Robert Lange

Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:00

Opening Prayer: Fr Patrick

Approval of the December 15, 2022 minutes with a few corrections.

Old Business:

1) Pat Schulz- One new parish member. Pat verified that the St. Alphonsus Office has received messages that parishioners are or will be moving, but none that actually quit the parish.

2) Deb Sievert- Thoughts on last month's guest speaker, Laura Engle. Pat S. stated she liked the challenge for all of PC members to share their faith journeys. Deb S. also repeated the thought that we don't really get to know each other's journeys outside of the PC meetings. Like the idea and to know each other better.

3) Pat Schulz -shared her faith journey through her six parishes in Wisconsin since 1944. And how each one of these parishes have enriched her and family lives.

4) Mary Binder- Deanery report. The next deanery meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hales Corners on March 22, 2023. The deanery is made up of representatives from each local parish and we share how training/events are being implemented. They were also asked to share one item that you are glad is being addressed or needs to be addressed along with how Synod priorities are being implemented in the parish. Mary shared that good education has been given by the Archdiocese and that Laura Engel was coming to talk with Council. Currently there are 40 men studying in the Diaconate program and they are from around the United States. In addition, 80 men are studying for priesthood.

Other parishes: St. Mary's Hales Corner has reached 92% of their LOA goal. Hales Corners is searching for a parish music director. St. Johns the Evangelist has a men's group meeting. Our Lady of Lourdes- reported that their fall festival went very well. Mother of Perpetual Help is working on combining the ministries from the three parishes into one.

5) Kathy Monacelli has agreed to join Mary B. at the Deanery meetings.

6) Fr. Kevin: (Vison Statement) Community Encountering and falling in love with Jesus Christ who is at the center of all we do.

PC Members: The encountering is each individualized from the receiving the Eucharist at each mass and Sacraments. COVID showed how much we missed community. Encounter with Jesus is sometimes an individual; however, going to mass shows us in all the ages and variety of people who are encountering Him as well. All the activities that the parish host is also part of the encounter. Jesus is the center of lives, not just a patina. People sharing Jesus (those who have Him as the center) bring people in and share him deeply with others. How do you engage Jesus in our lives when everyone is engaged in all the other things in people lives? COVID deepen my desire to attend the mass.

7) Deb Sievert- Next PC meeting we will be looking at our Parish Goals. We will look at goals that we developed in the past and see if they are still our goals. Kathy M. – these goals should have a way to measure each one. Father Patrick- Will send a nine-day Holy Spirit novena prior to the Parish Goals meeting.

8) Fr Kevin - Mission Insight - It gives a background on people's beliefs that are of geographical selected area per parishes. Kathy Jackels also has accessed and Linda Witkowski has access to the site and was trained. Linda W. – haven't created any reports on it but it can provide a variety of reports.

9) Fr. Kevin- the Love One Another chair people have been chosen. This is the quiet phase of Love One Another which includes selection and training with the chairs people. The Kempen's, Novinska, and McDonough have started the training.

10) Fr. Kevin- The Christmas music and mass was livestreamed as a one-time special event, but should we return to Livestreaming? Three individuals would operate the livestreaming from inside the sacristy. PC Members-There is a perception that viewers (possible parishioners) are attending mass by watching the livestream. There are multiple streaming options for people who cannot attend due to their health. Are those livestreaming also receiving communion? Fr. Kevin will inquire with Sr. Eileen how many people have received training to bring the communion to the homebound.

11) Deb Siervert- We all have had a chance to review the charities list from Outreach Team provided to us from Sr. Eileen. Bob Lange is grateful for the multifaceted ministries at St. Al's; however, requests additional information the Charites are picked and what the financial breakdown percentage that goes to the charity and going to administration fees. The PC members agree on January charity of St Joseph Academy, February charity of Milwaukee Rescue Mission and Marchs charity of Frieden Community Ministries is approved. PC Members request the Outreach Team inform the PC members how charities are select the percentage of financial funds that that charities use on administrative and the charity itself.

12) Fr. Kevin reported that on February 17 & 18 there will be a Men on Fire meeting. The special speaker will be Bart Schuchts. There is a \$25 fee which covers the cost of lunch as well.

13) Fr Kevin reported that on March 30, 31 and April 1 St. Alphonsus will be hosting the National Women Conference. The Milwaukee Archdiocese is putting on conference. There is a cost \$165, but financial scholarships are currently available.

14) Fr. Kevin reported that Galilee University is planning on coming back the fall. There will be two tracks, personal and parish.

15) Community report- With the exception of the School Advisory, no other committees met.

School Advisory- Library and science lab have been completed and opened on Jan 3. Fun Run money went to buy safety items. walkie-talkies, first aid kits, and 13 new cameras for stairwells. Starting service projects this year and expand.

Catholic Schools Week and Enrollment begin Jan 29 enrollment starts and the open house begins after 9AM mass Jan 16 school content to new site. Should the play continue, it's very costly and requires lots of manpower, different ideas will be looked into. Nothing was decided.

Final notes from :

Fr. Kevin- A new hire for the Music Director and Liturgical Coordinator has been located. More later on this individual after everything has been finalized.

All St Alphonsus volunteers, PC members are required to trained in "God's Family" - All individuals are required to be trained and have background checks completed. See Sr. Eileen if you need to schedule times to be trained.

On Tuesday Feb 7 @ 7:30 Fr. Kevin will talk about "The Camino" .

On Jan 26, room 104, the movie "Unplanned" will be played.

Fr. Pat ends his Associate Pastor in June. He doesn't know if he will be re-assigned as associate or pastor.

Respectively Sec. Elizabeth Hanson