

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 13, 2022

Present: Denna Flemming, Debbie Sievert, Matthew Evrard, Mary Binder, Linda Witkowski, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Elizabeth Hanson, Jim Stamatkos, Kathy Monacelli, John Hauerwas, Bob Lange, Mary Sue Taft, Pat Schulz, Pat Kempen

Excused: Dylan Madison, Mike Mellock

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Debbie Sievert.

Fr. Kevin led opening prayer.

Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes

Debbie asked if any changes needed to be made to the December minutes. Motion by Fr. Patrick, seconded by Elizabeth to approve. Motion unanimously accepted.

Guest/Visitor Comments—Julie Lobitz and Lori Kennedy

Julie and Lori shared about Christian Formation activities including Sacramental preparation, Eucharistic Adoration, service opportunities (including Thanksgiving meal boxes and Valentines Day cards). They plan to work with Russ Johnston and the School on efforts.

Pastor's Remarks:

- **Capital Campaign**
Need to identify list of people to work on the Campaign.
- **Bereavement Ministry**
Fr. Kevin will be meeting with a group of volunteers to launch bereavement Ministry. This person would assist in working with the family during the planning of the funeral, during the funeral and following up after the funeral. Information meeting is January 28th. Donna Schmidt has agreed to lead.
- **New railing for lectors**
Thanks were given to Fr. Kevin for the new railing that the lectors can use to assist stepping up to the altar.
- **Masks at Mass**
Discussion occurred on masks and safety at Mass.
- **Book Review**
Led discussion on From Christendom to Apostolic Mission—Chapter 4. Everyone to read rest of book for next meeting.

Associate Pastor's Remarks.

- **Bible In a Year**

Forty-five people have registered. Please email Fr. Patrick if interested in attending the monthly meeting.

- **Adoration**

There is a drive to promote Adoration.

- **High School Small Group**

Will meet after a Sunday 11 am Mass during Lent.

Finance Council Report

Denna shared that Finance Council met on December 21. Reviewed Parish Annual meeting held November 21. Preparing for Budget Review. Pledges are on track. Starting to look at new phone system. School restroom proxy approved by the Archdiocese.

Old Business

- There were no new members for Pat Schulz to follow up with. She did write letters to five guests from the guestbook.
- School Advisory Committee---Debbie had forwarded the comments from last month's discussion to the Committee.
- Discussed Advent and Christmas. Many favorable comments were made about Environment and music.

New Business

- Reviewed Corporate Review meeting. Twelve parishioners in attendance. Reviewed the questions that were asked.
- Reviewed and unanimously approved the 2022 recommendations that Sr. Eileen provided from the St. Al's Outreach Committee.

. Committee Updates

- a) **School**--- Jim shared that they reviewed the comments provided to them They reviewed budget numbers. Discussed Open House that is being held Sunday, January 23. Discussing tuition rates. Discussing better ways to market. Tuckpointing around the school.
- b) **Christian Formation/Vocations**— see Julie's and Lori's comments above.
- c) **Liturgy/Worship**--- Matt shared that Christmas decorations were taken down. Preparations underway for Lent.

- d) **Human Concerns/Respect Life/Care for Creation**---Elizabeth shared that they had a bulletin article looking for volunteers. Talking with potential volunteers.
- e) **Stewardship/Endowment**---- No report.
- f) **Long Range Planning** ---- No report.
- g) **Benefit Auction**-----Auction is planned for Friday, April 29th at Botanical Gardens. Post cards will be sent out. Please bring your bottle of liquor for the raffle basket to the February meeting.
- h) **Census**---Kathy and Linda reported on census efforts for January. A question and answer mailing has been sent out. Actual census to happen last week in January with replies due by Feb.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Patrick led closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next meeting is Thursday, February 10th in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Binder