

**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 11**  
**Room 104 PMC**

**Attendance:**

**PRESENT:** J Stamatakos, D Sievert, M Binder, P Kempen, P Schultz, B Lange, MS Taft, K McManaman, P Magnor, T Blaske, P Ferrito, L Witkowski, P LaRosa, A Ferrito, M. Evrard

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** K Monacelli & E Hansen

**Guests/Observers:** Nadine Flemming

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM by D. Sievert

Opening Prayer – Fr. Kevin

- Approval of minutes June 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes
  - P. Schultz motions
  - Fr. Patrick seconds – Meeting minutes approved
- Pastor's Remarks
  - Corpus Christi procession on Father's Day 2022 drew 100 participants. Fr. Kevin happy with turnout and looking to make this a regular event.
  - Engaging Your Story ran from June to July – Participants are training in healing prayer
  - Building & Grounds work over summer
    - School bathrooms remodeled – more modern look
    - Work on Liguori room has begun – Building & Grounds can dedicate more time to this since school improvements have been completed.
    - North Courtyard has been manicured
    - Fr. Kevin getting ready for sabbatical 9/11-12/17
      - Met to discuss upcoming annual appeal
      - Fr. Patrick will serve as temporary administrator while Fr. Kevin is away
  - 11 AM Mass will no longer be livestreamed after Labor Day due to low viewership and more “normal” conditions vis a vis the pandemic. Fr. Kevin recorded a video about this that will be shared with St. Al's community

**3. Associate Pastor Remarks**

- Bereavement ministry being built up
- New Faith Formation person on board
- October – Trip to Holy Hill for HS students & a program for middle schoolers is forthcoming
- 12 hours of Adoration will take place each Thursday celebrating a year anniversary

**4. Financial Report**

Met on 6/21 for a complete review of parish departments. St. Al's doing well and will have year-end financials shortly.

- Alan Close stepping down from Finance Council

**5. Old Business**

\*New members- Pat Schulz

7 new members in June & 6 in July – 6 of these are families. Pat only able to speak to 4 of 13. One new parishioner had questions about baptism and another had questions about the Parish food bank.

\*Parish Picnic: Went well!

## 6. New Business

\*Pastoral Council Goals: D. Sievert broke PC up into three groups to discuss PC goals for 22-23

Group 1: Role of PC in evangelization - PC will assess parish initiatives centered around evangelization and will advise committees on how to augment initiatives. Committee rosters will be completed and submitted to PC by 9/1. PC will make itself visible by introducing ourselves during Masses at start of Mass.

Group 2: Increasing Mass attendance by 10% - Initiate email campaign to invite parishioners who responded to census to Mass. Send out survey to gather information about why parishioners aren't coming to Mass (top 3 reasons). Determine who former parishioners can contact to discuss larger issues.

Group 3: PC should reflect on current or new parish initiatives to determine if they are intended to help parishioners re-examine and renew their relationships with Jesus. Make sure that outreach is being made to college students to make them aware of programs/initiatives. "Brainstorm hour" with PC to discuss new ideas and/or to serve as a "barometer" of the parish's health. Determine if there are initiatives that can be taken to reach out to and engage young people.

\*PC Committee Liaisons for 2022-2023:

- School-Paulanne Ferrito
- Christian Formation- Mary Binder
- Human Concerns-Elizabeth Hanson
- Liturgy/Worship- Matt Evrard
- Respect Life- Tim Blaeske
- Vocations- Pat Schulz
- Finance- Paul LaRosa
- Strategic Planning/Goals- Pat Kempen
  - Once Census is done Kathy Monacelli and Linda Witkowski will join Pat Kempen

\*Ministry Fair: After Masses on weekend of 8/20 & 8/21. New ministries like Bereavement and handbell choir will be represented along with the "standard" ministries. Participating ministries are reminded to follow up with any interested parishioners who want to donate time and talent to get them engaged.

\*Council & Committees Leadership "mini retreat" – Being planned for Common Meeting Night in September or October

\*Women's retreat set for the end of March. Feb 17-18 = Men's Retreat for St. Al's parishioners

\*Pastoral Council Slack Channel – Jim Stamatakos introducing the idea of using Slack to create a “digital HQ” for the Pastoral Council. Slack would allow the PC to continue work outside of meeting days and times and would also serve as a repository for PC documents (meeting minutes, agendas, goals). Fr. Kevin is going to ask Kathy J to vet Slack before committing to use the platform

8) Committee Updates - None given since committees haven't met yet.

9) Closing Prayer – Fr. Patrick  
Meeting closed at 8:27 PM

Minutes submitted to St. Alphonsus Parish Office by Jim Stamatakos on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/12/2022