

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Thursday February 10, 2022

Present: Denna Flemming, Debbie Sievert, Matthew Evrard, Mary Binder, Linda Witkowski, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Elizabeth Hanson, Jim Stamatkos, Bob Lange, Mary Sue Taft, Pat Schulz, Pat Kempen, Dylan Madison, Mike Mellock

Excused: John Hauerwas, Carolina Ewig, Kathy Monacelli

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

Fr. Kevin led opening prayer.

Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Guest/Visitor Comments—Sue Ruedinger—Finance Council/Auction

Sue shared about Finance Committee responsibilities and activities. The purpose of the Finance Council is to provide advice and guidance to the Pastor in the administration of the parish assets. Responsible for preparing a balanced budget. Also responsible for monitoring financial conditions of the parish. Sue reviewed the December financials and the 2022 budgeted income and expense.

Sue also discussed the April 29th Auction which is being held at the Boerner Botanical Gardens. This is largest parish fundraiser.

Pastor's Remarks:

- **Julie Lobitz Retirement**
Julie will be retiring at the end of the year. Lori Kennedy will be the Full time Child Director. Posting will happen for Full time Youth/Young Adult Minister.
- **Bereavement Ministry**
The Bereavement Ministry has been launched. Donna Schmidt attended and assisted in a funeral.
- **Capital Campaign**
Fr. Kevin asked for possible volunteers to assist in calling for the Capital Campaign.
- **Book Review**
Led discussion on From Christendom to Apostolic Mission.
- **Community Room**
Will no longer be used for Masses starting in March.

- **Census Underway**

The census is underway

Associate Pastor's Remarks.

- **Return to Visiting**

Fr. Kevin and Fr. Patrick have returned to visiting Cliftden Court and Southpointe Healthcare facilities.

Finance Council Report

Please see Sue Ruedinger's report.

Old Business

- There were seven new members for Pat Schulz to follow up with. Pat talked with four of them.
- Capital Campaign----looking for volunteers to make phone calls.
- Bereavement Ministry----started.
- School's open house was held.
- Auction donation liquor basket---Debbie reminded to bring items for the basket.
- Ministry Fair Date----Mary requested and there was agreement that the next Ministry Fair Date would be August 20 and 21.
- Jim discussed a possible program.

New Business

- Debbie discussed scheduling Pastoral Council retreat in the Spring---thinking about during May.
- Debbie reminded that there will be no Common Meeting on February 15th.
- Preparations underway for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Masses Ash Wednesday will be at 8 am, noon, 5 and 7 pm. Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays.

. Committee Updates

- a) **School**--- Jim shared that open parent night will be held March 15. They are looking for further ways to promote the school. Updating Smartboards and IPADs.
- b) **Christian Formation/Vocations/Respect Life**— Confirmation candidates met with Sponsors. Interviews for Confirmation Candidates occur on March 6. Christian Formation Classes are halfway over. Service projects upcoming include Easter bag treats and sandwiches. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during classes. Classes created 250 Valentine's Day cards for Clement Manor. For Vocations, Pat Schulz is working on a bulletin reflection article about Catholic Sisters. For Respect Life, John Hauerwas shared that they will be selling roses on Mother's Day. They are organizing a contingent from St. Al's for the Spring 2022 forty days for life Candlelight Prayer service on February 28th.

- c) **Liturgy/Worship**--- Matt shared that the Lent/Easter planning meeting will be March 8th. On Good Friday, Mass will be changed to noon. There will be no closing songs during Lent. The focus on Lent will be change our hearts.
- d) **Human Concerns/Respect Life/Care for Creation**---Elizabeth shared that they had another bulletin article looking for volunteers. They have one person dedicated with a second individual thinking about it.
- e) **Stewardship/Endowment**---- No report.
- f) **Long Range Planning** ---- No report.
- g) **Census**---A total of 368 census surveys have been returned. There are a lot of updates---cell phone numbers and email addresses being added.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Patrick led closing prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Binder