

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 11, 2021

Present: Denna Flemming, Debbie Sievert, Matthew Evrard, Pat Schulz, Mary Binder, Linda Witkowski, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Carolina Ewig, Elizabeth Hanson, Jim Stamatkos, Kathy Monacelli, Dylan Madison

Excused: John Hauerwas, Pat Kempen, Bob Lange, Mike Mellock, Mary Sue Taft

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

Fr. Kevin led opening prayer.

Approval of October 2021 Meeting Minutes

Debbie asked if any changes needed to be made to the October minutes. Motion by Jim, seconded by Pat to approve. Motion unanimously accepted.

Staff—Russ Johnston

- Accreditation Visit was just completed and accreditation recommendation has been made for the school. Accreditation occurs once every 7 years.
- Getting materials together for the Ministry Fair
- Russ wants to make the school a destination school
- Working on increasing enrollment and online presence with marketing efforts

Pastor's Remarks:

- **Mass Intentions**
Canon Law allows for more than one Mass intention. There will be a bulletin article about it.
- **Making adjustment to Baptism**
Validating Godparents are practicing Catholics going forward.
- **Tabernacle in Church next weekend**
A tabernacle has been obtained and announcements this weekend on it.
- **Book Review**
Led discussion on From Christendom to Apostolic Mission—Chapter 1. Everyone to read Chapter 2 and 3 for next meeting.

Associate Pastor's Remarks.

- **Youth Ministry Committee**
Planning an event during winter break.

- **Twelve hours of Adoration today**

All slots filled. Will continue on Thursday's going forward.

Finance Council Report

Denna shared that Finance Council met with the Athletic Association to discuss possibility of renting building to others. School received \$255,000 in EANS funding. School enrollment is at 212. Reviewed September financials.

Old Business

- Pat Schulz followed up with four new families –talked with two of them.
- Youth day at Holy Hill—Carolina and Dylan shared the details about the Holy Hill Pilgrimage for approximately 15 youth on Saturday October 16th
- Debbie provided recap from the Church on Mission---This Synod calls us Forward. Discussed bringing back people to Mass.
- Fr. Kevin's offered thanks for card and gift for Installation.

New Business

- Ministry Fair—Mary shared everything is ready for the Ministry Fair November 13th and 14th in the Community Room after all Masses.
- ARISE—Debbie shared that Pastoral Council will provide Hospitality after ARISE on December 3.
- Spring Day Retreat---Debbie working with Fr. Patrick on retreat for Pastoral Council.
- Common Meeting night changed to November 16th.
- St. Alphonsus has acquired Ministry Scheduler pro. Will be used to schedule servers. Other ministries can use ----need to provide names and other info to Kathy Jaeckels.
- Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses are scheduled. Will not be held in the Gym. Christmas Eve: 4 pm and 9 pm. Christmas Day: 8:30 am and 11 am.

. Committee Updates

- a) **School**--- covered by Russ Johnston.
- b) **Christian Formation/Vocations**— Sr. Eileen shared that from September to the present, over 500 folks have participated in adult learning and faith-sharing. Julie Lobitz shared that Confirmation retreats and underway and that classes are proceeding. Collecting food for Thanksgiving Food drive.
Pat Schulz and John led prayer service during Adoration from 4:30---5:30.
- c) **Liturgy/Worship**--- Advent planning underway. Planning Ministry workshop in the Spring. Discussion occurring on large screens for Mass.
- d) **Human Concerns/Respect Life/Care for Creation**---Elizabeth shared that they are looking for volunteers and they will have a table at the Ministry Fair.

- 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.
- h) **Census**---Kathy and Linda reported on census efforts for January. A question and answer mailing will be 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, December 16th in person in the Parish Ministry Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Binder