

Pastoral Council Minutes
3/9/2023

Present: Mary Binder, Matt Evrard, Elizabeth Hanson, Pat Kempen, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Debbie Sievert, Mary Sue Taft, Linda Witkowski, Paul La Rosa, & Kathy Monacelli.

Observers: None

Absent: Pat Schulz, Paulene Ferrito, Adam Ferrito

Memories of Bob Lange

Debbie Sievert called the meeting to order at 7:04

Opening Prayer: Fr. Kevin

Approval of the Feb 9, 2023 minutes with a few corrections. Mary Binder made a motion to approve, Paul LaRosa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers: None

Old Business:

Deb Sievert has received positive comments from the Men on Fire retreat, 70 men attended the retreat.

Pat Kempen, Pat Schulz and Deb Sievert have completed their terms as PC members as of June 2023. Kathy Monacelli has completed her first term as PC member and is eligible for one more term of three years. Kathy agreed to serve another term on the Parish Council.

Per Parish Council Norms, membership is two times the ex officio members (4) – so minimum would be 8 and can go to a maximum of 12 members. Currently, PC has five openings to be filled. This does not include youth members. Kathy Monacelli motion to have a minimum of 10 members and a maximum of 12, Linda Witkowski seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Paul LaRosa, Mary Binder, and Elizabeth Hanson volunteered to meet with Sr. Eileen to assist with the Parish Council discernment process in early May.

“The Undone Retreat for Women” currently has 270 registered attendees. The organizers are hoping for a total of 310. The retreat is scheduled for the last weekend of March (Thursday through Saturday).

All PC members are encouraged to attend the parish auction, members were requested to help build a basket of liquor for the auction. (Please bring it to the auction table or contact Deb to make alternative arrangements).

Inquiring into the Eucharistic medallions. Fr. Patrick stated that new medallions were purchased. Matt Evrard will bring this request to the liturgy committee so they can decide when and how to proceed with the medallions. The medallions can help Eucharistic Ministers know which section they are scheduled for

and sacristans/ushers to be aware that all the Eucharistic Ministers are present at Mass. This procedure should be used in conjunction with the Ministry scheduler Pro website.

Mary Binder stated that approximately 350 attendees were at Terry Piontkowski's Farewell Concert. The greeters hosted a reception after the concert.

Fr. Kevin announced that the Palm Sunday procession will not be on Saturday at 4:30PM Mass. Instead, the processions will take place on Sunday at the 9AM and 11AM Masses.

Matt Evrard will check to see if the choir will collect and create an auction basket.

Faith journeys: Elizabeth Hanson and Linda Witkowski both shared their personal journeys.

Committee reports:

- School – No report
- Christian Formation
 - Mary Binder states that classes are ongoing. Students are preparing for the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. The Easter baskets project is going well. Per Fr. Kevin, Christine Gozdowiak is currently filling in for Holly Feller who departed. Karen Farrell will be looking at additional assistance on a part-time basis in August/September.
- Liturgy and Worship
 - Matt Evrard Stated that the committee met on February 25th to review all Holy Week specifically the Liturgy guides for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter.
- Human Concerns
 - Elizabeth Hanson stated that Care for Creation hosted a speaker on March 7 from the Waukesha County Green Team. The theme for the night was "One Simple Act". Approximately 20 people were in attendance. Human Concerns & Care for Creation will be hosting Hospitality this weekend.
- Long Range/Stewardship/Strategic Planning
 - The committee met today (March 9). Linda Witkowski discussed the MISSION INSITE reports. Topics included: what the next ten years might look like; and the many types of diversity within this community. The committee looked at Fr. Kevin's Vision Statement and the committee's goals which were made prior to Fr. Kevin sharing his vision statement with the Parish Council. It was decided to start fresh with the Committee goals. Kathy Monacelli shared that a possible start would be to break the vision statement into steps: How are we community? How are we evangelizing? and How do we know specifically that Jesus is the center of everything we do? All the steps/goals need to be measurable.
- Finance Council
 - Paul LaRosa stated that on February 21st the Finance Council had their annual Budget meeting. Each department presented their budgets to the Council. FC had a second meeting on

March 7th to go over options for balancing the budget. The FC will present a balanced budget at the May PC meeting.

FC is looking at creating a more effective method for collecting pledges. Possibly by using email versus USPS mail. The challenge for an electronic pledge drive is to create a secure website. FC would like the PC to take this project on. This project will fall to the Long Range/Stewardship/Strategic Planning committee.

Final Notes

- Fr. Kevin stated that he met with all the potential associate pastors and is waiting to hear from the archdiocese. We anticipate hearing in April from the archdiocese both on the new associate pastor and where Fr. Patrick will be assigned.
- Our Love One Another Campaign is still in the quiet phase and is at approximately 30% of our total goal. St. Alphonsus had a good turnout at the Polish Culture Center with the Archdiocese to promote the LOA campaign.
- Triduum masses: Since it is Fr. Patrick's last Easter with St. Alphonsus, he will be celebrating both the Holy Thursday and Easter vigil masses. Special thanks to the Liturgy committee for all their hard work on the plans for Holy Week.
- Parish Mission: Fr. John Paul Cafiero will preach to all the masses this week. There will be presentations on Sunday afternoon, and Monday and Tuesday evenings to complete the Parish Mission.
- A discussion took place on materials placed in the pews. These materials include raffle envelopes and cards to request volunteers for committees. Fr. Kevin will continue this discussion with the Parish Staff.
- There will be lots of celebrating in our parish from the end of May through July:
 - Deacon Jim's 40's Anniversary (1st week in June)
 - Fr. Wally's 65 Anniversary.
 - Fr. Patrick's departure.
 - The new associate pastor's arrival.
- On July 30th Greendale Village will celebrate their 85th anniversary and St. Alphonsus parish will celebrate our 85th Anniversary. Bishop Hanes will be present at St. Alphonsus to celebrate the 11am mass with us.

Fr. Patrick closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:18 PM

Respectively submitted by Elizabeth Hanson

Upcoming Dates:

April - No Parish Council meeting

April 18 – Common Meeting

May 11 - Next Parish council meeting

May 23- Common meeting

Fr. Kevin's Vision for St. Alphonsus Parish

A Community Encountering and falling in love with Jesus Christ,

