

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

(Digital Meeting held via Zoom)

Thursday March 11th, 2021

Present: Pat Kempen, Matthew Evrard, Denna Flemming, Pat Schulz, Mary Sue Taft, Bob Lange, Barbara Bova, Mary Binder, Linda Witkowski, Christine Arnold, John Hauerwas, Bill Wenninger, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Abby Krajnak, Maggie Krajnak, Fr. Patrick Magnor

Excused: Debbie Sievert, Mike Mellock

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Pat Kempen.

Fr. Kevin led opening prayer.

Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes

Pat asked if any changes needed to be made to the February minutes. Motion by John, seconded by Matt to approve. Motion unanimously accepted.

Guest/Visitor Comments

There were no guests present.

Pastor's Remarks:

- **School Principal Search**
A search committee has been formed for the School Principal position.
- **Mission Results**
Fr. Kevin shared that both Missions were a success. Matt provided the Facebook Counts for Friar Johnpaul: Sunday 496, Monday 346, Tuesday 356.
- **Work Completed on the Confessionals.**
The work on the confessionals is completed.
- **Increase in Weekend Mass Attendance**
There has been an increase in weekend Mass attendance. Chairs have been added in the front and back of church. Adding Music to the 8 AM Mass.
- **No in person Auction**
There will be no in person Auction this year. Sue and Doris are working on raffles.

Finance Council Report

Denna Fleming shared that the Budget presentations have been completed. Expenses were greater than revenue. The first PPE loan has been forgiven in full. PPE2 loan being reviewed. Capital campaign has ended with \$3.7 Million received out of \$4 M target

Old Business – Pat Schulz followed up with five new families and was able to talk with three of the families.

New Business

- **Pastoral Council connecting with Parish Staff:**
 - Guest speaker was Julie Lobitz. She shared about Christian Formation activities:
 - Confirmation classes occurring with sponsors. Candidates writing letters to the Bishops.
 - Students made 344 Valentine's Day cards for residents of Clement Manor.
 - Presented Christian Formation Budget at Budget meeting. Asking to reinstate Associate Director position.
 - Sacrament retreats occurring.
 - First Communions will be held the first three weekends of May during the Sat 6 pm, Sun 8 am and noon Masses.
 - Shared about Vacation Bible Camp occurring June 20-25th at St. Martin of Tours. First thru sixth grades go thru 9-3. Julie is looking for help with the camp. Looking for facilitators to help in three hour shifts and for meals to be provided to the instructors.
 - Working on getting the calendar updated for the Fall.
- Denna discussed the need for Parish census and the possibility of an updated photo directory. Discussed about past directories that were no pressure opportunities to purchase family photos. We are in need of a new census.
- For the individual committee goals reports discussed a suggestion from Bob. Discussed adding short and long term goals to the report. Long term goals would assist long range planning.
- There was a request to move Pastoral Council meeting to in person meeting in the Gathering space of the church for the May meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be in person.
- There was discussion on the possibility of having a "Feast on the Blacktop" this year. Discussed current Archdiocesan guidelines in place until July and that contracts can't be signed. Fr. Kevin will also be discussing with staff. Discussed a possibility of a picnic later in the year.

. Committee Updates

- a) **School**---School committee meeting to define their role is. Christian Mothers are meeting about Formation and togetherness.
- b) **Christian Formation**— John Hauerwas shared from Sister Eileen about the upcoming events; Small Faith groups meeting, Two baptismal candidates for the Easter Vigil---Dillion and Dana Flank. Bill Kelly is presenting the Shroud of Turin on March 23 at 7 pm.
- c) **Liturgy/Worship**----Matt Evrard shared that meeting was held to review the Archdiocesan guidelines for Holy Week. Processions are not being allowed. Palms will be individually handed out. Eucharistic Adoration will occur on Holy Thursday. Food donations will be accepted. on January 23. A review of Advent was completed. The Call to Worship focused

everyone. Discussed Christmas tickets for Masses and that the Masses in the Gym were not needed. The video before Masses received many positive comments. Discussed environment for Lent is Living our Baptism. Discussed the Liturgy Guide for Lent. Holy week planning meeting will be held.

- d) **Human Concerns**--- From March 2020 until February 2021, **SVDP** has spent \$22,551 to help with rent, utilities, furniture (beds, sofas tables), appliances, energy bills, clothes & shoes, bedding, a few gas cards, disaster relief. 1200 we spent on school supplies, and 1000 of that was for our international twinning conference in Colombia. Additional in kind appliances, clothes, and household goods were donated by members and parishioners and passed on to neighbors in need took food from the pantry for around 15 neighbors, valued at about \$525 in donated food passed on.

For the **FOOD PANTRY**, 77 people were served in March and that jumped to 125 in April, and remained high since then. Total served around 1,390 people from April 2020- February 2021, not including SVDP clients.

- e) **Care for Creation** ---- Committee zoomed Saturday, Feb. 20:

- Monthly bulletin articles by Nancy Juley will resume shortly on how we can care for creation. And that any projects implemented also be highlighted in bulletin.
- It was suggested that we may want to invite Wednesday night small faith participants studying Pope Francis' Creation at the Crossroads book on Laudato Si to our next meeting via Zoom on March 20, 11:00 a.m. Two participants on Care Committee are also in Wednesday evening's small faith group. Invitation is extended also to all small faith groups.
- Considering speaking at a future Mass about this committee and its efforts and, possibly, solicit new members from the pulpit and/or through the bulletins.
- Two proposed efforts: a.) sponsoring a cleanup at St. Al's or at Scout Lake. Will check with Fr. Kevin to see if either is feasible. Earth Day tie in. b) Exploring a composting program for the parish, with Fr. Kevin's permission. Options: On site; join Greendale High School's program; discuss with school principal to see if school is interested in joining this project. Any composting efforts may have to wait till fall. Hoping the pandemic will be a lesser issue over time.

- f) **Stewardship/Endowment**---- No report.

- g) **Vocations**—Pat reported that March 8 – 14th was Sisterhood week.

- h) **Long Range Planning** ---- No report. Trying to get a meeting scheduled.

- i) **Benefit Auction**. Raffle is being planned.

- j) **Respect Life**: Two events coming up: 40 Clergy 40 Days---pray on the sidewalks and walk from St. Hedwig's.

- k) **Other: New parishioner packet**.

Pat Schulz provided an update that she was working with the Secretary's (Gayle, Sally, Barb) on getting the papers together. She also mentioned that the history of St. Al's paper will be put into the folders.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Kevin led closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm. Next meeting is Thursday, May 13^h in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Binder