

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 16, 2021

Present: Denna Flemming, Debbie Sievert, Matthew Evrard, Mary Binder, Linda Witkowski, Fr. Kevin McManaman, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Elizabeth Hanson, Jim Stamatkos, Kathy Monacelli, Dylan Madison, John Hauerwas, Bob Lange, Mary Sue Taft

Excused: Carolina Ewig, Pat Schulz, Pat Kempen, Mike Mellock

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

Fr. Kevin led opening prayer.

Approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Guest/Visitor Comments

No guests present. Next month Julie Lobitz and Lori Kennedy will join from staff.

Pastor's Remarks:

- **Invitation to Mass film**
Fr. Kevin invited all to Mass in the film.
- **Bible in a Year**
During 2022 Fr. Kevin and Fr. Patrick will join with those parishioners wanting to participate Fr. Mike Schmitz' "Bible in a Year" podcast. These podcasts are 20 minutes a day. Fr. Kevin shared that he and Fr. Patrick will meet once a month with participants.
- **Book Review**
Led discussion on From Christendom to Apostolic Mission—Chapter 2 and 3. Everyone to read Chapter 4 for next meeting.

Associate Pastor's Remarks.

- **Bible In a Year**
Please email Fr. Patrick if interested in attending the monthly meeting.

Finance Council Report

Denna shared that Finance Council met on November 16th with John Campbell on updating the school bathrooms. Cost \$120,000. Also reviewed project list. Reviewed October Financials. Parish Annual meeting held November 21.

Old Business

- Pat Schulz followed up with one new family –talked with the father.
- ARISE—Debbie shared that Pastoral Council provided Hospitality after ARISE on December 3. There were approximately 200 people that attended.
- Ministry Fair—Mary shared many groups participating had volunteers that signed up and that there was good sharing of information between groups. Will look at targeting next one in the Spring.

New Business

- Reviewed School Advisory Document. Debbie to provide feedback to that group based on our discussion.

. Committee Updates

- a) **School**--- see School Advisory Document.
- b) **Christian Formation/Vocations**— Mary shared that committee met. Survey is being planned and working on the questions for the survey. Discussed service opportunities.
- c) **Liturgy/Worship**--- Matt shared about all the Christmas planning. Advent Liturgy guides have been completed. Art and Environment planning for Christmas completed. Choirs preparing. 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 have a bulletin article looking for volunteers.
- 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 8:06 pm. Next meeting is Thursday, January 13th in person in the Parish Ministry Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Binder