

St Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 9th, 2024

Present: Fr. Kevin McManaman, Christine Blackwood, Mary Sue Taft, Ben Rucka, Paul LaRosa, Kathy Monacelli, Matthew Evrard, Maggie Ensing, Linda Witkowski, Alan Close, Fr. Anthoni Jorge, Harold(Jim) Anderson, Mike Wusterbarth, Sandy Kramschuster, Camille Nicolai, Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz

Not Present: Paulanne Ferrito, Mary Binder, Elizabeth Hanson

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Linda Witkowski.

- 1) **Opening Prayer** – Fr. Anthoni
- 2) **Approval of April 11th, 2024 Meeting Minutes** - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy Monacelli. Seconded by Ben Rucka, none opposed, motion passes.
- 3) **New Council Member Discernment** - The new council member discernment was led by Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz. She started with a prayer and then everyone gave a quick introduction. Then the four new members gave a short description of their talents and what they would bring to the council. The standing council members then spent some time asking questions of the new potential members. The potential members were then excused and the standing members had a short discussion. The Pastoral Council had four openings, two one year terms and two three year terms and each potential member needed a motion to one of the terms. Ben Rucka nominated Harold(Jim) Anderson for one of the one year terms. Seconded by Matthew Evrard, none opposed, motion passes. Kathy Monacelli nominated Sandy Kramschuster for one of the one year terms. Seconded by Linda Witkowski, none opposed, motion passes. Linda Witkowski nominated Camille Nicolai for one of the three year terms. Seconded by Christine Blackwood, none opposed, motion passes. Paul LaRosa nominated Mike Wusterbarth for one of the three year terms. Seconded by Matthew Evrard, none opposed, motion passes. All four new members then accepted their nominations and will be on the 2024-2025 Pastoral Council.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) **Discussion of 12th chapter of Forming Intentional Disciples** - In the final discussion of Forming Intentional Disciples the council shared insights and opinions on the close of the book.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) **Volunteer In Service** - The first order of new business was regarding a volunteer In Service. The council discussed the possibility of having this meeting and agreed that it is a valuable experience. They then decided that a good time to have it would be the third Tuesday in September. It can be in the evening and then time permitting the individual committees could meet.
 - b) **Deanery Meeting** - The deanery meeting was finally held at St. Alphonsus after many delays. A lot of the meeting was regarding how to represent your Parish/School. There were also discussions on the Eucharistic Revival.
- 6) **Finance Council Report** - The Finance Council passed out a 2024-2025 budget summary for the Pastoral Council to review. Most of the line items were similar to the prior year and the Pastoral Council didn't have any concerns. Fr. Kevin also mentioned

that he had a meeting regarding the FEMA Security Grant and that application should be submitted shortly and we will know if we are awarded it around late July.

7) **Committee Updates**

- a) **School** - No Update.
 - b) **Christian Formation** - Confirmations and 1st Communions are completed and the classes are done. The Cycle Prep class was held yesterday. They are now starting on next year's registrations. They are also still working on the Totus Tuus Summer program. They have not had many people sign up for the local mission trip. In August they are thinking about a retreat for the Catechists.
 - c) **Liturgy/Worship** - Liturgy/Worship discussed a review of Holy Week.
 - d) **Human Concerns** - Most responses from the Human Concerns subcommittees are that they have no major updates. Ben Rucka will be running the Mother's Day Rose Sale and can still use volunteers.
 - e) **Stewardship** - The Stewardship Committee is still working on getting an updated welcome packet for new parishioners and potentially hosting a nametag Sunday.
- 8) **Pastor's Report** - Fr. Kevin started by stating that his spiritual director training was life changing and he was excited about the information he learned. Next he mentioned that he will be going to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. He is also going to host a senior coffee small group potentially once a month. Wednesday May 22nd will be the funeral for Deacon Jim's wife and he still has funerals at least once a week. There will be 9 ordinations this year and the ordination mass will be very full. Fr. Kevin ended with the information that Archbishop Jerome Listecky received confirmation from the Pope that he should continue to act as our Archbishop until a replacement is named. He then let Fr. Anthoni share a few items. Fr. Anthoni stated that he will be gone next week presenting a paper out of state. He then also mentioned that he will have his last year of in person classes in the month of June.
- 9) **Closing Prayer** - Fr. Kevin

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 by Linda Witkowski.

Respectfully submitted Matthew Evrard