

St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting

August 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Richard McAuliffe at 6:58 PM.

Father Pat said an Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

- A. Father Pat's 50th anniversary celebration went very well and many parishioners helped make it such a success. Father Pat liked his gift, the Stoll with Celtic embroidery, very much.
- B. Youth minister position: the parish has received 3 applications for this job opportunity and interviews are planned for some time in the next 2 weeks.
- C. The marketing group (Greg Ghering, Cindy Hodges, Chris Penning, and Bob Siegel) will be meeting soon.
- D. The air conditioning has arrived and the electricity and venting has been installed. There is hope that it will be working in 2 weeks.
- E. Ushers- John Lach is compiling a list of existing ushers and Scott and Rob are working with prospective volunteers. Father Pat would like to have ushers greeting at each mass. There was a suggestion to have the Knights of Columbus members to help start this process.
- F. CSA has met its goal and there is a \$1000.00 surplus.
- G. End of school party: members are not sure why this party did not occur.

New Business

- A. A planning meeting is set for 9/17/16 at 9 AM and Bob Tobin will be the moderator. The goal of the meeting is to set a plan for the parish for the next 5 years. All parish council members are asked to review discussion questions to prepare for the meeting. Father Pat will obtain stats of the parish for the meeting.
- B. Open meetings: after reviewing the constitution Rich noted that there wasn't anything stating that the parish council meeting needed to be closed. There was discussion about how to notify the parishioners about the meetings and how the parishioners could contact the council prior to a meeting about topics or

questions that they would like discussed at the meeting. Angie Mitchell will talk to Sandy about setting up a web address for the Parish Council.

- C. Heather Lehman has moved her office across the street and so there is space available for use. The 2nd room is to be used for the senior ministry.
- D. The Knights of Columbus painted Maggie's room 2 weeks ago.
- E. The Foundation Fund is at \$1.9 million and the Endowment fund is approximately \$900,00.00. A proposed fundraiser for the Foundation Fund may include selling brick pavers that would be placed in the front of the church.
- F. A question was posed about whether we should carry out a time and talent survey again for the parish and how frequently this should be carried out.
- G. A discussion was carried out about whether to send email blasts to parishioners about upcoming events. The priests are currently obtaining emails from wedding couples.
- H. The council members are encouraged to go to other churches before the September planning meeting to see how other churches do things and this will allow for effective brainstorming for the meeting.

There will not be a September meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for 10/3/16.

Respectfully submitted by Kerri A. Barton

Parish Council Secretary