

St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting

January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Richard McAuliffe at 7:02 PM.

The following Parish Council members were present: Father Pat, Rich McAuliffe, Angie Mitchell, Sandy Olsen, Lisa Frey, Greg Ghering, Keith Hillary, Kristen Ray, and Kerri Barton.

Lisa Frey led an Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

- A. The minutes from the November meeting were available for review and approved.
- B. Open Meeting Rules- Greg Ghering presented the final draft of basic guidelines for public participation from the parish at monthly parish council meetings. The rules were accepted with the only modification of updating the parish council website to parishcouncil@stalphonsusgr.org. Dates for future council meetings were set in order that they were available on the website for parishioners. The following dates are set for upcoming parish council meetings of 2017: February 6, March 6, April 10, May 1 and 7 PM.
- C. Ushers and Greeters- John Lach
There has been some contact made with potential volunteers however no one has accepted yet.
- D. Marketing Committee- Chris Penning, Michele Story, Bob Siegel, Greg Ghering, and Father Pat
The committee needs to set a date and Father Pat will assign a committee head. Father Pat demonstrated an example of a postcard that had been mailed previously to the neighborhood around St. Al's and south of the church. Greg Ghering had suggested that we send a postcard during Lent with the Holy Week schedule and there was further discussion of 2-3 mailings/ year that would also include Advent.
- E. Communications-
 1. Internal-
 - a. Kristin Ray stated that the online survey responses were not working and they cannot figure out the problem. There have been some paper responses. Rich suggested that we put paper copies of the survey in the pews. Father Pat and Rich will work on this.
 - b. A newsletter was discussed as an option to keep in contact with parishioners. The following ideas need to be developed: how frequent, who is involved, should it be or include a calendar, should we include a topic of the month, information from the bulletin, or articles. The council decided that this would be a project to work on for 2017. It will be brought up at the group meeting on January 21.

c. The topic of a Facebook page was suggested which would allow St. Al's to post pictures of weddings, baptisms and other events at the church.

d. The first coffee and doughnuts will take place after a 9:00 AM mass in February. Jenny Barnes will be in charge.

New Business

A. January 21 meeting

The agenda will start with the 4 goals of the parish and the group will not only report back what they have discussed since the first meeting in September but work on developing further strategies and assigning committees.

B. The next meeting will be on February 6,2017 and Keith Hillary will provide the opening prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kerri A. Barton

Parish Council Secretary