

St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting

November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Richard McAuliffe at 7:04 PM.

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

Greg Ghering led an Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

- A. The minutes from the October meeting were available for review and it was decided that we would document the council members present at each meeting.
- B. Open Meeting Rules- Greg Ghering presented a draft of basic guidelines for public participation from the parish at the monthly parish council meetings. After reviewing the draft, it was decided that the first 10 minutes of the meeting would be slated for comments and questions by parish members. Also, a copy of the questions and/or comments must be provided to the council in writing and then added to the minutes as an addendum. Greg will be putting a final draft together to be reviewed at the next council meeting.
- C. Ushers and Greeters- no report available
- D. Marketing Committee- no report available
- E. Communications-
 1. Internal-
 - a. Kristin Ray has compiled a survey for the parish through google docs. It was discussed that it should be available on the website, the parish Facebook page, and a paper survey for those who do not have access to technology. A summary of the first planning meeting that was compiled by Maggie Vugteveen, Maureen Cromwell, Sandy Kemp, Lisa Frey, and Angie Mitchell was reviewed by the council and minor grammatical corrections were made. This summary will be distributed with the survey on the first Sunday of Advent.
 - b. Father Pat will present the staff meeting minutes to the parish council and vice versa in order to keep all informed of topics discussed.
 - c. In the past a mailing has been sent to the Creston neighborhood. Father Pat commented that there are many new people moving into the area and new real estate being developed. We thought it would be a good idea to make contact by mail and possibly include something that they can redeem at church if they bring their post card. An example was a free breakfast during the Sunday Parish Breakfast.

Greg Ghering to contact Chris Penning who organized a previous mailing to gather information.

d. It was suggested that we try coffee and doughnuts the 1st Sunday of the month after the 9 AM mass. This would coordinate with birthday and anniversary blessings. We must be mindful of religious education using the gym on these days and who would be responsible to oversee and organize. The council will think about who they know that may be interested in overseeing this project and bring names to the next meeting. It was also mentioned to rotate the monthly responsibility of bringing and setting up the doughnuts and coffee with different church groups (for example, Knights of Columbus, P.A.L.S.) There will be continued discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

- A. **Review of planning meeting statement-** As mentioned above a summary of the September planning meeting was created and will be presented to inform the parish of the goals for our church. Father Pat mentioned breaking down stewardship into 3 categories: Time/ Talent/ Tithe and would like to talk about these quarterly. He would like to develop this idea further at the next planning meeting.
 - B. The staff/ parish council planning meeting is scheduled for January 21,2017 from 9:00 am-11:00 am.
 - C. How does someone get nominated for this council?
In the past Father Pat has asked parishioners if they were interested in joining the Parish Council. There was discussion of whether to allow parishioners who are interested notify the council and then have a period of discernment. This topic will be brought up again in the new year to further define.
 - D. Profiles of staff- Father Pat needs to present this idea to the staff at the next staff meeting.
 - E. Dates to remember- Parish Breakfast 11/20/16
Christmas Store North East Pole 12/4/16- 12/11/1
Parish Penance Service 12/19/16
- The next meeting will be on January 9,2017. There will be a second meeting in January that is not yet scheduled and Lisa Frey will provide the opening prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kerri A. Barton

Parish Council Secretary