

St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting

March 6th, 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, Lisa Frey, John Lach, Greg Ghering, and Keith Hillary.

Fr. Pat led an Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

1. The minutes from the February meeting were available for review and approved.
2. Usher/Greeters Report: We need to look for someone to organize the greeters. Last Sunday there were donuts for both 9AM and 11AM. A couple who was celebrating their anniversary sponsored the cost of the donuts. A family has already signed up for next month.
3. Marketing Committee: Michele Story and Greg Ghering have made some contact for the Marketing Committee and are going to be working forward. Lisa Frey contacted St. Robert's about marketing. They have a full-time marketing person (40 hours plus.) However, she has many "hats" other than just marketing. They use "Constant Contact" to remind parishioners of events and things.

Marketing Committee- Chris Penning, Michele Story, Bob Siegel, Greg Ghering, and Father Pat.

4. Communications-

A. Electronic contacts for reminders and announcements sent via email/text:

Greg and Keith shared progress on the Electronic Contact Information request. Right now the Google doc for collecting data is in Keith's personal account. We need to switch it over the parish Gmail account. Keith will call Parish Office to get in touch with Scott and Russ to help lock down procedures/guidelines for messaging and create the Google doc through the parish Gmail account. Fr. Pat and the parish office will have to send out texts and emails and they will need to be approved by Fr. Pat. Also a web link to the Google doc is needed from the parish website. Goal is to have everything set by April 2nd. We will need to have this information explained during announcements at all masses and John suggested possibly having ipads or smart phones available at the back of the church for parishioners to fill out the form right after mass. Though the hard copy slips will be in the pews, the more people that fill out the form digitally the less volunteer time will be needed to input the data from the forms.

This electronic contact request could evolve into an easy way to have an annual census of parishioners with greater information collected (full mailing address, phone numbers, family members, etc.)

B. Fr. Pat's Report: New sound system in the gym was created from the old church sound system. Also a credit card slider was added to the Parish and was used successfully at the first Fish Fry.

C. Calendar Discussion. Parish Calendar is being worked on at the Parish office with Sandy and Scott. Link to the parish website is up! (Lower right hand corner of website.) Richard brought up that we need to let the parish organizations know who to contact to get the calendar more populated.

5. New Members. Several members are reaching the end of their three year commitment to PC. Start looking for some names of people for Father Pat to consider by May for replacements.

New Business

1. Meeting with volunteer leaders to discuss calendar. We need to let individual organizations know how and who to contact to get their info on the parish calendar.
2. Next meeting is April 10th, 7PM. Prayer will be led by Lisa Frey

Respectfully submitted by Keith Hillary

Parish Council (Substitute) Secretary