**St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 23, 2019 Meeting**

**Members Present** –David Sinclair, Nicole Murphy, Tiffany Powers, Don Peters, Shelly Blandford, Bobby Glenn, Christina Dant and Fr. Anthoni. Absent were Jessica Green, Kevin Clouse and Johnny Warren.

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. All present had. Tiffany motioned to accept the minutes and David seconded the motion. All present concurred.

**Committee Reports**

**Faith Formation:**

Fr. said that he was thinking about the teacher lineup for the upcoming faith formation classes. Sr. Vivian does not work in June or July so he wasn’t sure but would touch base with her. Christina reported that the Rummage Sale would interfere with classes on Wednesday September 4 so it was decided not to have faith formation classes that evening.

**Youth Group:**

Fr. reported that the youth went to Farmington Michigan. There were 200+ kids there from 7 parishes. They cleaned the streets, neighborhoods, mowed, edged the sidewalks, etc. Some kids had returned for this trip 3 or 4 times, and for some this was their first year. Fr. said they worked from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, it was a good experience for the youth and showed them the lifestyles of others. This experience also teaches the youth that our own community has needs and that they learned to give, not just receive. 5 priests were there and masses were held daily.

The youth group will continue with the Theology of the Body classes.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:**

Fr. reported that planning needs to start for the 150th year celebration of our parish which is August 1, 2020. His idea is to divide the parish into 7 groups of families who will lead the liturgy on the 1st Sunday of every month starting in January 2020. Families will explain what this church has done for them, explain how they are connected to the church and share in their faith journey. We would then bring those families intentions out and pray for them at that service. All parishioners, current and past would be invited as well as past priests and nuns affiliated with our church, and the choir will be present. Nicole suggested maybe creating a slideshow of pictures including archived ones of St. Alphonsus as well as pictures provided by the families. Don asked if the mount was ever part of St. Alphonsus and Fr. said that he thought they were always separate. Fr. suggested forming a committee to plan this celebration. He would provide them with a guideline for the vision of the program and let them plan it how they want. Each group should have a Chairperson/Leader. The council should email any ideas they may have to Fr. Fr. said he would call the Bishop to schedule him to attend before his calendar books up.

August 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm is our Feast Day mass. There will be mass and prayer.

Fr. reported that the choir was not happy with the choice of purchasing the Glory and Praise books which included the readings and songs for the next 3 years because they are too heavy. He said Kay Beth was looking for other options but the order has to be placed no later than July 31st. The Council decided that is was financially more feasible to order the Glory and Praise books at a cost of $100 per month, it would save money in the long run. Order is to be placed for the books before July 31.

**Finance:**

David reported on the financials. No June full hall payment or school assessment payment had been made. June regular collections were up. July full hall payment and school payment was made. David reported that we are 4 months behind on the school payments between last year and this year. Fr. reported that we have 2 new families to the parish and both have children in the Catholic school systems. The parish pays $2,600 per child enrolled in Catholic schools.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Bobby reported that people keep tripping over the handicap parking blocks at the church, the first two that are closest to the door. Bobby asked if we could remove the blocks and replace them with handicap signs instead.

Fr. reported that we have a new cleaner for the parish hall as Kevin has retired from the duties. The new cleaner is Shannon Jenkins. Fr. also said that the church needs a new vacuum cleaner, he has brought one down from the Rectory to use in the meantime. He thinks we have someone willing to pay for a new vacuum cleaner.

Fr. also stated that the kitchen sink in the Rectory had been clogged with mud and the pipes were leaking into the basement but that the matter was being taken care of and should be completed this week.

**Catholic Schools:**

No report

**Old Business**

Christina reported that she had priced an electronic kiosk sign for outside of the church. The quote was $18,000 and it was determined this was out of our price range.

Christina also reported that the fall Rummage Sale would be held in September and the French Lick raffle would be drawn in September as well. She suggested we hold at least one small fundraiser each month. It was questioned as to when the next reverse raffle would be held but no one was sure. Nicole suggested bringing back the fundraising committee regular meetings.

**New Business**

Nicole presented the Council with the Birthright request forwarded by Susan. Birthright of Owensboro would like to be able to place baby bottles in the Vestibule for people to take home and collect their change to donate to Birthright. Birthright will pick up the bottles after a few weeks. The Council decided to let Birthright bring the bottles for collection.

Picnic results were briefly reviewed – good picnic overall, drive thru worked well even though not heavily advertised until the night before. Detailed picnic review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 24th.

Council Roles were determined at this meeting – Chairperson – Nicole Murphy

 Vice Chair – Tiffany Powers

 Secretary – Shelly Blandford

 Committee Reports – Faith Formation – Christina Dant

 Youth Group – Christina Dant

 Music Ministry & Liturgy – Jessica Green

 Finance – David Sinclair

 Building & Grounds – Johnny Warren & Bobby Glenn

 Catholic Schools – Tiffany Powers

 Social Concern – Nicole Murphy

Fr. also reported that the final minutes of the Council meetings would be printed and inserted into the Bulletin each month. Nicole suggested having an Usher or someone pass out the Bulletins each week at mass to ensure more parishioners are being reached. Fr. said that he would have someone pass them out at the end of mass.

**Council Meeting Dates:**

Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 20, 2019. Time was changed from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm and agreed upon by all members present.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Murphy