**St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Unofficial**

**December 16, 2019 6:00 pm**

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

Nicole asked if everyone had reviewed the October minutes (we did not meet in November). All present had. David motioned to accept the minutes and Nicole seconded the motion. All present concurred.

**Committee Reports**

**Faith Formation:** No report

**Youth Group:**  Fr. Anthoni reported that the Youth Group is ordering candles for the parish to use for the candle mass procession. These will be candles that the parishioners can purchase from the Youth Group for the mass on 2/1/20 that will be blessed to celebrate the Presentation of the Lord.

The Youth Group is also planning a trip to do the Fathers of Mercy tour in Bowling Green on 1/18/20 and will visit the Passionist Nuns in the spring as well.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:** Fr. Anthoni reported that they are preparing for the Christmas Eve mass. He said that due to low attendance for the Christmas morning masses, he is only having one mass this year and it will be at St. Elizabeth. He also reported that Suzanne Gonzalez is organizing the children’s nativity program for Christmas Eve at St. Alphonsus. Shelly noted that there are several more children participating this year.

Preparations are being made for the Jubilee. The first Sunday of sharing will be 1/12 at 6:00. There is one group scheduled each month. Fr. Anthoni said they will publish the groups in the bulletin again they month before they are scheduled to share. He reminded us that the procedure for the evenings was part of the packet that was in the bulletin previously.

**Finance:** David reported that the Finance Committee did not meet in October but did meet in November. The full hall payment was made for both October and November. The OCS payment was made in November but not in October putting us behind by 1 payment for this fiscal year. David said we haven’t missed a hall payment this fiscal year to date but December is looking iffy.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fr. Anthoni reported that we need more rocks to control erosion from the rain water from the highway by the parish hall.

**Catholic Schools:** No report

**Social Concerns:** No report

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

Fr. Anthoni reported that some people are wanting to use the parish hall on Friday nights for fellowship and socialization playing cards and/or other games. There was discussion of whether or not the people should be charged a rental fee or possibly ask them for a donation to cover the cost of utilities for the time. Fr. Anthoni specified that if this were to take place we would need to make sure someone is taking responsibility for unlocking and locking the doors as well as cleaning and that paying customers would take precedence for rental if there were to be a conflict. There was also discussion of the possibility of a time specification i.e. 6 pm – 12 am. Fr. Anthoni said he will talk with those making the request again to see what they will be agreeable to.

**Action Items**

Meeting Frequency – Nicole started a discussion regarding how often the Parish Council meets. It was noted that the meetings are generally 30-45 minutes in length. Members of the council agreed that meeting every other month is justifiable. All present agreed that we could call meetings in between as necessary to conduct business. Nicole made a motion to change meetings from monthly to the even months only. Don seconded the motion. All present concurred.

The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm Tuesday February 18, 2020.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Blandford