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

**April 20, 2021 6:45 pm**

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

Nicole asked if everyone had reviewed the March minutes. All present had. Tiffany motioned to accept the minutes and Johnny seconded the motion. All present concurred.

**Committee Reports**

**Faith Formation:** From Sr. Vivian: Biggest event is First Communion of 9 children on Sat. April 24th at 5:00 Mass.  Practice with students and parents is Wed night.  All are members of St. Alphonsus and all attend our Faith Formation Program. Four of them have been baptized this year. This is the first year that we have not had any in the First Communion class from St. Elizabeth or Catholic Schools.

There will be 2 classes left in the annual program after this Wed. evening. From information given by other program directors at a diocesan Zoom meeting this Monday we have had the most in-person classes. Most of them have already discontinued their classes for this year due to absenteeism and other issues.  Our absences have mainly been due to athletics and the same families and one catechist who think they were exposed to COVID 19 several times.  We still have not had any reported cases of COVID among our students. Logistics for classes have been our biggest issue this year and we are hoping to go back to regular classrooms next year.  It is projected that combined Grades 3 and 4 will be our largest class.  We are so grateful to and for our catechists who have (for the most part) been so faithful through this unusual and hectic year.

**Youth Group:**  From Barbara: There are 2 more meetings, will end on May 2nd. Carole Rumage is heading the Cash for Trash event. Youth Group is preparing for Youth 2000 in July. Barbara would like to request that the Youth Group have a slip ‘n slide fun day prior to school starting in August, all present member approved.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:** Fr. Anthoni reported that the committee with meet this Thursday, 4/22. May 2nd will be the May Crowning with a procession from the parish hall. The committee will be discussing the Jubilee celebration scheduled for August 1st concluding our 150th year.

**Finance:** David reported that the hall and OCS payments have been made for March. Fr. Anthoni reported that the April hall payment has also been made. We still owe approximately $110,000 on the hall.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Jordan Pruden has taken over the mowing contract and is doing a good job. The annual diocesan facility audit is coming up, it’s usually due in May or June.

**Owensboro Catholic Schools:** Registration for next school year continues. We may make a lump sum payment towards our balance for the OCS assessment if we have money at the end of the year to do so.

**Social Concerns:** The Social Concerns committee organized meals for the David Green family along with some gift cards to help out.

**Old Business**

* Parish Hall Fire Alarm System – Johnny reported that he has not heard back on a price from Byron Westerfield. Fr. Anthoni said that AT&T came to make some repairs to the internet line about a month ago and we haven’t had any issue with the fire alarm system since the repair. All present members agreed to table the upgrade for now to see if the issues return or we get a quote from Byron on what it will cost then we will reevaluate.

**New Business**

* Jubilee Celebration – The celebration was tentatively planned for August 1st after it was decided to delay last year. All present members agreed to table the planning until the May meeting to see if any COVID guidelines change with the increasing numbers of vaccinations.
* Fr. Anthoni will be making his annual trip home to India May 26 – July 1. Fr Tony Shonis will conduct weekend masses while he is gone.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Blandford