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

**October 20, 2020 6:30 pm**

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

Nicole asked if everyone had reviewed the September minutes. All present had. David motioned to accept the minutes and Christina seconded the motion. All present concurred.

**Committee Reports**

**Faith Formation:** From Sr. Vivian: Faith Formation we now have 36 children enrolled from 24 families with 4 being from St. Elizabeth, one from Owensboro Catholic. This is the smallest number we have had but a few parents have said their children may return if Covid 19 subsides by second semester. We thank and praise God that so far we have had no reported Covid cases with our children and catechists in the program this academic year. All have been instructed in the Safe Environment Program required by the Diocese. There are 8 children in the First Eucharist Class who attend public school. They meet in the large hall. The largest class is combined grades 5 & 6 with 9 and they meet in the large kitchen. We used Church for only one class and when two dropped out we moved them back to the Conference Room. Two groups meet in the small classrooms. All students and catechists wear masks and we struggle keeping safe distance. We cancelled the Sept. 30th scheduled Reconciliation Service due to safe distance. There will be Adoration and Rosary Service on Oct. 28 in Church 7-7:30 after one-half hour of class at 6:30. We can spread the children apart in Church and safe distance.

**Youth Group:**  No report.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:** Fr. Anthoni reported that the committee met a couple weeks ago. The role of the liturgy committee was dicusssed along with reviewing diocesan guidelines. They also started planning celebrations for the next month or so and finding ways to celebrate within the Covid guidelines. There will not be a children’s Christmas program this year due to Covid.

**Finance:** David reported that the hall payments have been made for September. We did not pay school assessment for September.

**Buildings and Grounds:** The roof has been replaced on the rectory. 3 bedrooms got new carpet sponsored by a parishioner. Getting prices on refinishing the stairs instead of re-carpeting. Received the check from the insurance company for the water damage.

**Owensboro Catholic Schools:** Tiffany attended the OCS meeting in September where they reported what each school is currently planning. OCS is over budget for the year due to Covid expenses and less children enrolled.

**Social Concerns:** The Social Concerns committee had the Pioneer Celebration and dinner. There were 14 attendees at mass and meals were delivered to those that could not attend. They have been praying the rosary at parishioner houses.

**Old Business**

Ornaments for Jubilee – Nicole is waiting for a mockup. She will add the established date and email it to parish council for review along with pricing.

**New Business**

Reverse Raffle Concerns – We did not have enough steaks for all of those that purchased tickets. The council members were very concerned since we sell a set number of tickets. The best solution is using a committee to plan, price check and make the decisions and meet afterward as well to discuss what went well and what could be improved for next time. All present council members agree that this committee method should be used in all future events.

Drive Thru Debrief – The profit was approximately $5400. There were concerns raised about the amount of meat left over and the price of the meat. The council agrees there needs to be more concerted planning to mitigate some of these issues. All council members present agree that the best solution is to use a committee to plan, price check and make the decisions for all fundraisers as discussed with the Reverse Raffle Concerns above.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Blandford