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

**August 17, 2021 6:45 pm**

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

Tiffany asked if everyone had reviewed the July 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: We had registration for this years program at the Back to School Bash on Aug 8 but only 8 families attended so we still don’t know how many and what grades children will be in. I have list from last year and am trying to contact individual families to determine enrollment. I will also continue messages in the parish bulletin, emails, and texts. I have sent folders to families I have listed from St Elizabeth.  I will put St Alphonsus family folders of those that have not registered in back of church for weekend of Aug 21-22. Thanks to some very generous people we now have all catechists and assistants that we need for this year’s classes that begin Wed Sept 1. I am working with Nick Higdon at St Mary M. Sorgho to have a NET Retreat on Nov 14 for those in Confirmation class this year.

**Youth Group:**  From Barbara: Barbara plans to have an adult meeting in coming weeks and start meetings after Labor Day. Breanna Dant will be taking over more activities to help out. She is also working on a theme for the year.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Finance:** David reported that the hall payment was made for August and the August OCS payment is on track to be made as well. David also expects to make the September hall payment. The last hall payment has been moved from January 2022 to March 2022 to diffuse the large lump sum. The Reverse Raffle and Rummage Sale both happening in September should help with making payments as well.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fr. Anthoni reported that everything is still standing. There are still issues with the fire alarm system at the hall.

**Owensboro Catholic Schools:** Tiffany reported that COVID numbers are low and enrollment is up by 42 for the year. They are also still taking applications. We are behind by 10 payments ($36,000) for the OCS Assessment. Fr. Anthoni sent letters to the parish families with children enrolled at OCS to lay out expectations in exchange the parish sponsorship. He has reviewed the list of children from our parish and removed 10 names due to some not attending this year and others not meeting parish expectations.

**Social Concerns:** Sending cards to the homebound and those in nursing homes. They have also scheduled the annual Pioneer Dinner.

**Old Business**

* Jubilee Celebration – The Jubilee Celebration went well and all attendees enjoyed a very nice luncheon after mass.
* Parish Council Vacancy – Due to Don Peters resignation we have a vacancy. Fr will start the process for nominating and electing a new member.

**New Business**

* Parking Lot Resealing – Fr. Anthoni raised concerns over the conditions of the parking lot. He will get bids to reseal and restripe both the hall and church lots.
* Fall Cook – It was decided we will have burgoo, chicken, and pork for the fall cook on October 23rd.
* Back to School Bash – There were rave reviews all around! The Council is very appreciative of those the organized and volunteered for the event and hopes it will be come an annual happening.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Blandford