

St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Unofficial

October 19, 2021 6:45 pm

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Committee Reports

Faith Formation: From Sr. Vivian: We have one Kindergartener withdrawal from the program so are now at 39 students, not including the 13 OCS students who will be joining us for some First Communion and Confirmation activities. We are co-sponsoring a retreat for the students who will be confirmed in the Spring. The retreat is Nov. 14 and held at St. Mary Magdalene and includes children from 4 parishes. Registration notification letters regarding this required retreat have been sent to our FF families and seven families whose children are in Catholic School but will be confirmed with our group at St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth. Although the diocesan deadline for completing Safe Environment Training has been extended to Thanksgiving, we are completing all our training this week and will submit our report by the end of October. We have had several catechists and assistants absent due to illness but are able to use substitutes to cover all classes so far. We are especially grateful to Suzanne Gonzalez for filling in for Toni Thompson who will have to be out most of this semester. We are having Adoration/Rosary with children in Church this Wednesday evening as part of class.

Youth Group: From Barbara: Youth Group will be meeting every other week. Skipping Halloween. We will be planning a stockholder's dinner this year and possibly cow pie bingo. We do not have many coming.

Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee: The Diocese is offering a parish leadership and staff retreat with a theme of "Receive and Be the Light of Christ" December 2nd at the Convention Center.

Finance: David reported that the hall and OCS payments were made for September. We are on track for making October payments as well. We have even made up 1 of the 10 missed OCS payments, bringing that down to 9. The Reverse Raffle brought in \$6488.37 and the Rummage Sale \$4537.82.

Buildings and Grounds: Johnny reported that he's still in contact with Koorsen trying to get the faulty fire alarm sensors replaced, but their communication is lacking. He's still working on it.

Owensboro Catholic Schools: Tiffany reported that enrollment was up by 45 students for the year. They have hired a project manager. Fr. Anthoni added that he's expecting an increase in the assessment next year.

Social Concerns: The Pioneer Mass and dinner was a success with at least 22 in attendance.

Old Business

- Parish Council Vacancy – Due to Don Peters resignation we have a vacancy. Fr will initiate the process for nominating and electing a new member.
- Parking Lot Resealing – Tabled until Spring

New Business

- Donation Disappearing – There was a concern brought to the Council that the change that been donated in the back of the church is disappearing during the week. There was a discussion that maybe we bring the change war between sides of the church to an end and convert possibly to a children's offering plate.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelly Blandford