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

**September 1, 2020 6:30 pm**

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

**Committee Reports**

**Faith Formation:** From Sr. Vivian: We had First Holy Communion and Confirmation on July 26 and appreciate the families acceptance of limited space, both ceremonies together, and no reception. Fr And I met with Catechists to determine what spaces we could use for safe distance in-person classes since our classrooms are too small.  It is decided to use parish hall right back corner, Church, conference room, kitchen and largest classroom. Catechists and children will wear masks. We will have to sanitize all spaces before and after classes. We are in process of registration through family folders in back of church. It’s very important that we can get accurate number of students in order to order books/supplies and to assign best space for each group. We had all catechists and assistants we needed but Sr Lois just notified me that she is not coming down to teach the First Communion class when we open on Sept 2.  She lives at the Mount in the Villa where our most vulnerable Sisters are. She is afraid by coming and going she could take Covid to the almost totally quarantined motherhouse. Thus we are in need of a second grade catechist a key position and difficult to find. I am contacting several people but no luck so far.

**Youth Group:**  From Barbara Thomas: The Youth Group would like to host an outdoor movie night in October either with the parish if possible or just with the Youth Group. The Youth Group is also doing scripture study and Faith and Family Studies.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:** Fr. Anthoni reported that the committee met last month to plan the liturgical calendar. The parish is looking for someone to decorate the church and take care of the altar, Elaine Foster is wanting to hand off the duties after many years of great service.

**Finance:** David reported that the hall payments have been made for all recent months. All of the picnic revenue went to the building fund. The pork chop fundraiser revenue will go toward the rectory roof replacement, and we have a loan for the remaining amount. The 3 year loan from the Diocese is at a rate of 4%.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Fr. Anthoni reported that Superior Roofing is doing the rectory roof replacement. They were chosen by the council after consideration of multiple bids. New carpeting for 2 rooms in the rectory has been donated by a parishioner. We are still waiting to hear from the insurance company about the water damage repairs.

**Catholic Schools:** The OCS kids are back to school in person 5 days per week. We have 4 new kids from our parish attending OCS this year. The OCS council meeting is at the end of the month.

**Social Concerns:** The Social Concerns committee has been collecting ladies undergarments for local shelters, praying the rosary with shut-ins, and delivered pork chop dinners to the shut-ins as well. They also organized the Back to School Blessing.

**Old Business**

Ornaments and T-shirts for Jubilee – T-Shirts are still available to order. Nicole will try to get the ornaments ordered in time to sell at the October 17th bbq drive thru.

**New Business**

Fr. Anthoni is considering leaving mass times as is going forward even after the pandemic has subsided.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm Tuesday October 20, 2020.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Blandford