**St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 20, 2019 Meeting**

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

Fr. Anthoni opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Anthoni asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. All present had. Christina motioned to accept the minutes and Tiffany seconded the motion. All present concurred.

**Committee Reports**

**Faith Formation:** Christina presented a report from Sr Vivian. All catechists and assistants have been assigned. 3 classrooms have been moved due to larger groups for Confirmation and grades 3-4 as well as a smaller group for First Communion.

Registration is August 28th from 6:00-7:00. Fr. Anthoni will meet with Confirmation parents (and students if present) about 6:30 during registration. Regular classes will begin September 11th, a slight delay due to the rummage sale. There are still more than the required number of classes scheduled in case of inclement weather cancellations.

**Youth Group:** Christina presented a report from Barbara Thomas. The Youth Group kick off is August 25th.

Planning for all parents of youth 13 and older to attend Purified by Jason Everett on Septebmer 4th. The youth will eat pizza and play games while parents are in the parent meeting. Parents are allowed to stay with youth or visit during the youth portion.

September 7th the Youth Group and adults will participate in the Right to Life walk.

Planning for 20 sessions of the Theology of the Body teaching to be completed this year.

Youth Group have 2 Adoration and Reconciliation nights planned, September 22, 2019 and February 2, 2020. Fr. Anthoni mentioned that February 2nd is Super Bowl Sunday so it was suggested that the date for Adoration and Reconciliation be moved to Saturday night February 1st. That evening the parish will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation and have a candle light procession.

Stock holders dinner will be October 19, 2019.

Christmas movie night for the kids is scheduled for December 7, 2019.

**Music Ministry & Liturgy Committee:** Fr. Anthoni reported that there is a liturgy meeting next week to plan the August 27th Jubilee Celebration as well as the next 3 months. The order has been placed for the new Glory and Praise books.

**Finance:** David reported that there was a Finance meeting last Tuesday. The balance on the hall at the end of July was $317, 297.54. The outstanding balance at the end of July for OCS payments was $13, 689.32. The annual payment of $500 to the Mount for the pits was made and that leaves a remaining balance of $1500.

The Finance Committee proposed a rate increase of $50 for renting the parish hall. This would raise the raise the rates to $425 for parishioners, $550 for non-parishioners, and $125-$150 for small group rentals. Fr. Clarified that this would be for new contracts going forward. David made a motion to approve the new rates, Kevin seconded the motion. All present concurred.

A full payment was made for parish hall in both July and August. Last year we missed 1.5 principle payments on the hall which extends the life of the loan. The August payment was the 35th payment, which leaves 25 payments remaining. Christina and Tiffany requested a clear statement on the monthly report of what is paid each month for the hall, either as part of the Statement of Activity or separately.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Bobby had no concerns to report. Fr. said the garage door and the sink leak at the rectory have been repaired. A donor has arranged for water and electric to be run to the picnic cooking area and that work is in progress.

**Catholic Schools:** No report. Tiffany will attend the OCS meeting next week.

**Social Concerns:** Nicole presented a report from Tracy Cecil. The committee coordinated the backpack blessing and refreshments afterward. They have delivered meals to shut ins and would like to continue to do this once a month. They have visited new parishioners and Fr. mentioned that they are looking for new ways to acknowledge and welcome new parishioners.

**Old Business**

* Parish Mission – Tiffany asked the status of the mission. Fr. said that Fr. Jason McClure will be coming to do a mission with St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth together, spending 2 days at each parish. The proposed dates will be either March 15-18, 2020 or March 22-25, 2020. To pay for the mission there will be a special collection and ask for donations ear marked for the mission. Any money collected that is not used to cover expenses will be held for future missions.

**New Business**

* Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19, 2020 Fr. Anthoni is working to get Fr. Richard Cash to come preach and reconciliation will be available.
* Corpus Christi Procession – June 14, 2020 at St Elizabeth, will process through Curdsville, 2 blocks or so.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 17th at 6:00.

The meeting was closed by Fr. Anthoni with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Blandford