



The St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting was on February 28, 2023 at 6:00p.m. in Manning Hall. In attendance: Ben Bly, Doug Slobodnik, Dr. Joe Tansey, Dr. Kent Metcalf, Sheldon Richey, Stan Holtkamp, Samantha Holtkamp, Ron Clouse, Bitrus Gwamna, Bob Donnolly, Maureen Walsh, Maria Mellado, Father Paul Connolly & Barb Brown. Absent: Ryan Harvey.

Joe Tansey gave the opening prayer. Minutes of the January meeting was unanimously approved.

**Pastoral Comments:** Fr. Paul thanked everyone for their continued hard work on the Council, also thanking the Liturgy decorating committee for decorating during the Lenten season.

Social Action: They served donuts in February.

Family Life: Planning a fun family event

Church Life: No report

Faith Formation: A report was given on Family Formation, Youth Ministry and RCIA. Totus Tuus will be returning this June for all grade levels.

Old Business:

- a. Building & Grounds: Doug showed a video from Kenney & Son's website showing the demolition of the Rectory.
- b. Fun Run/Walk: Will be held on May 20, 2023. The route has been approved by the police department
- c. The Chamber of Commerce is having their annual banquet on March 30. Parish Council will have a table and will decorate a table.
- d. We had a few new volunteers at masses, but still need more.
- e. Discussion is still being tabled on if we should switch mass times.
- f. 2024 Eucharistic Conference: We held a Eucharistic Revival for the Keokuk Deanery here on February 28. Fifty people attended from surrounding churches. Fr. Paul, Kelley Tansey, Barb Brown, Bitrus Gwamna, & Paul Skeffington attended for St. Alphonsus. The National Conference will be in July, 2024.

New Business:

- a. Graduation Mass & breakfast will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. This was unanimously approved.
- b. The Council will be leading the Stations of the Cross on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The Bishop is asking all parishes to identify our priorities for this year, "How we can be more welcoming". Many ideas were stated and will be sent to the Bishop: Pew Cards/Envelopes, Welcome Cards, printing a calendar, Welcome visitors before mass, bring back birthday cakes monthly, donut Sundays once a month and Knights of Columbus breakfast twice a month.

Next Meeting:

- a. March 28, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
- b. Opening Prayers: Stan Holtkamp
- c. Closing Prayers: Maureen Walsh

Sheldon Richey closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully, Barb Brown – Secretary Pro Tem