



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

Absent: Ryan Harvey, Doug Slobodnik, Samantha Holtkamp, & Bob Donnolly

Stan Holtkamp gave the opening prayer. Minutes of the February meeting was unanimously approved.

Pastoral Comments: Fr. Paul thanked everyone for leading the Stations of the Cross and to pray for those affected by the closing of Iowa Wesleyan University.

Social Action: Will be attending the Cradle of Hope Banquet and giving a \$150 donation along with the donations from the collection at church.

Liturgy: Working on the decorations during Holy Week.

Family Life: Will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 8:00 & 11:00 Masses on Easter.

Church Life: Bitrus will have an interview ready in the next week. Also, the Homebound Ministry serves 27 residents at Care Centers along with many homebound. They have were on a Eucharistic Minister rotation of every 4 weeks now to every 3 weeks.

Faith Formation: A report was given on Family Formation, Youth Ministry and RCIA. Totus Tuus will be returning this June for all grade levels. During Totus Tuus and for the next Faith Formation year they are needing many volunteers to keep the growing program going.

Old Business:

- a. Building & Grounds: We were asked about repair/painting the altar from the old church that is in the library and the council voted unanimously to repair/paint the altar on the approval of the Finance Council & the Memorial Committee.
- b. Fun Run/Walk: Will be held on May 20, 2023. It was voted on to be a Gold Sponsor, which is \$500.
- c. Discussion is still being tabled on if we should switch mass times.
- d. 2024 Eucharistic Conference: The National Conference will be in July, 2024. We will table the conversation to next month so we know the cost of travel and hotel.
- e. Through Synod each parish needs to have a Welcoming Committee and will meet on June 17th. Those on the committee: Ben & Amy Bly, Sonja Garcia, Stephanie Vallone, Trisha Waterman, and Barb Brown.
- f. Volunteers will be needed at the Senior Breakfast on May 21st after the 8:00 Mass. Sheldon & Stan will be in touch with the Senior parents.

New Business:

- a. Parish Council Elections will be on the weekend of May 20th and 21st.

Next Meeting:

- a. April 25, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
- b. Opening Prayers: Bitrus Gwamna
- c. Closing Prayers: Sheldon Richey

Maureen Walsh closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully, Barb Brown – Secretary Pro Tem