

St. Alphonsus Parish Council Meeting – September 26, 2023 – 6:00pm

In Attendance: Father Paul, Doug Slobodnick, Chris Ryan, Maureen Walsh, Mary Panther, Ben Bly, Bitrus Gwamna, Maria Mallado, Dr. Joe Tansey, Dr. Kent Metcalf, Ryan Harvey and Barb Brown.

Opening Prayer: Ben Bly

Minutes of the August meeting were read by the Doug Slobodnik, they were approved unanimously.

Visitors: Laverne Hunting and Mary Lou Perry asked if a group of Catholic Bridge players could meet in Manning twice per month. Permission was given unanimously.

Pastoral Comments: Thank you to all who participated with Old Threshers and Autumn Festival, it was a huge success.

Social Action: They will be putting out the Respect Life flags this Saturday and will also have a table set up in the Gathering Space with Respect Life Prayer Cards. They are also donating \$100 to Sisters of St. Francis for their Water Project.

Liturgy: We are blessed to have Paul Skevington, Choir and those in the pews singing during Mass. The Eucharistic Revival Team will be handing out the book this “This Is My Body” weekend. Homebound ministry now has 4 teams to go out to the homebound and into care centers.

Family Life: There is a Family Game Night on November 4th right after Mass along with a light meal.

Church Life: No Report

Finance: ADA will be having a Kick Off the next couple of weekends. At last count, we are \$8,188 over our goal.

Faith Formation: Please put on your calendars, Sparking the Spirit on October 18. Parish Council Members are especially asked to attend. It was unanimously voted to cover the last of the amount needed for the NCYC Trip in November. Still looking for volunteers for ALL programs and we are also needing bilingual help for Spanish-speaking families. CLOW is every Sunday during the 9:00am Mass for ages 3 to 7, all are welcome.

Welcoming and Belonging: We are finalizing the Ministry Fair on October 7th & 8th before and after Masses. Also, Church Life and the Welcoming and Belonging Teams will now be joined as one group.

Building & Grounds: Things in the works are 1. Painting the parking lines 2. Pricing new doors for Manning Hall 3. Bids for snow removal 4. Pave cemetery road

Old Business: Barb Brown reported on Old Threshers and Autumn Festival, the income & expenses will be published as soon as all the bills have been turned in.

Just a reminder that the St. Alphonsus Workday is on October 28 from 8 to Noon. Indoor and outdoor work.

New Business: Will be getting more information on selling St. Alphonsus T-shirts for parishioners.

There will be a schedule made for the different committees for the Cookies and Donut weekends.

It was unanimously voted to donate \$750 to the HCHC Foundation Fundraiser to raise money for the EMS Protect Vest.

The Covering for the Lot behind Manning Hall will be tabled until there is more information.

The next meeting is October 24 at 6:00pm, Bitrus Gwamna will have the Opening Prayer and Maureen Walsh will have the closing prayer.

Mary Panther closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully, Barb Brown, Secretary Pro Tem