

St. Aloysius Administrative Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 26 – 7:00 pm

We the members of St. Aloysius Parish, Olivia, Minnesota, believe our mission is to be a community of Catholic Christians young and old, bound together as a community of faith celebrating the sacraments with Jesus as our center.

We believe that the Holy Mass and the Sacraments are the spiritual sources of strength that we need to live out our Roman Catholic faith.

We are one in Christ with many gifts striving to create a Catholic Christian environment where all can grow spiritually, physically and emotionally within the limits of our resources.

We live out our beliefs in loving service: to the sick, the elderly, the lonely, bereaved, to people in mission countries and to work for justice in our society. We make a special commitment to parents in order to assist them in handling on faith and tradition to their children.

It is in St. Aloysius Parish that all of this faith activity happens. Our mission is to part of the Diocese of New Ulm and the Church in the world – the mission of Jesus.

~ Parish Mission Statement approved 2002.

Members: Jean Herdina (trustee), Duane Remer (trustee), Mike Filzen (2005), Jim Boersma (2016), Dr. Mark Moore (2015), Rob Thurston, Jr. (2015), Jim Zenk (2011), Corinne Tauber (2013), Fr. Joe Steinbeisser (Pastor - ex officio), Sara Anderson (Business Mgr – ex officio), Barb Mathiowetz (Financial Mgr – ex officio)

Routine Matters

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Mike Filzen. Opening prayer was led by Fr. Joe.

Roll call – absent: Corinne Tauber

Additions to Agenda – Jean Herdina added cemetery maintenance/concerns and Mike Filzen added Upcoming Events/Fall Dinner. Sara reported to the council that Joan Honzay has resigned due to finding a teaching position at St. Mary's Catholic School in Morris. She will remain through VBS changing to part-time (20 hours per week) as of July 1st.

Approval of minutes from April 5, 2018 – Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Reports

Area Pastoral Council – Sara reported that the minutes from their last meeting were sent out awhile ago. Diocese came to last meeting to discuss changes in diocese. Sara asked if there were any questions. They were none. Sara will continue to send the minutes to the council members for future meetings.

Maintenance Report – Sara reported that there has not been a meeting since the last Council meeting. The lights out in church were due to power loss. This is not covered by insurance. The control board was taken out to see if there was any damage due to lightening (which would be covered by insurance). Currently have a bypass in place so the lights work. Working with K&S on this. There are also issues with the pump in the fountain. This will be discussed at the next Maintenance Committee meeting.

Campaign report – Letters went out to the parishioners. Projects are also on chalk board in Gathering Space. Kick-off set for September 9th. Committee will continue to meet during the summer. Dollar amounts will be shared in the future. The plan is to have the campaign conclude with the Fall Festival. It was suggested that something be put in the main (east) entrance also. A suggestion was made that an announcement should be made from the pulpit that all funds will be used for the projects (and not the lawsuit). A recommendation was made that something be put in the bulletin to clarify.

Finance report – Financials were provided to the council prior to the meeting: Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2018 and Profit & Loss for July 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. Discussion was held on the 1006 SA Checking – Unrestricted negative balance as well as the negative amount for the checking account. The

designated monies were also discussed and if they could be released back to the general fund: all of 1023 Church Maintenance Donations (all from church maintenance envelopes and memorial donations not designated). Motion was made and seconded to remove the restriction on the maintenance donations. No further discussion. Motion carried. Also \$612.87 under 1024 Adult/Youth Catechesis (\$200 VBS, \$200 ff snacks, \$212.87 ff donation) will be released since expenditures have happened. Profit & loss was reviewed. June currently shows a net gain but the AFC payment needs to be made. Settlements need to be made with the AFC, Holy Redeemer, Cemetery and AFC CCW's (baptism and wedding gifts) for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Taking these into consideration we should be at zero cash at fiscal year end (includes savings) with approximately a \$6k deficit.

Unfinished Business

Diocese of New Ulm Bankruptcy – Fr. Joe updated the council on the status of the bankruptcy.

One priest weekend schedule – Discussion was held on the possibility of a time change for Saturday so that St. John could move their time up from 7 p.m. St. Aloysius could have Mass at 4 p.m. Fr. Joe will see how the current schedule works and we will discuss again.

Ice Cream Social Envelope – new name needs to be determined – The envelope did not get in the envelope packet. Collection will be taken on July 14/15 with explanation in the bulletin and envelopes available at the end of the pews in church. It will be called the “Summer Collection”.

Gas Vouchers – We are out of funds and a notice will be in the next bulletin with a request to replenish. Notices have been posted on the doors that we are not currently able to give out vouchers due to lack of funds. It was asked for suggestions/recommendations on how much we should have in fund before opening up again. We average \$130 per month in vouchers given out. Fr. Joe suggested that we look at giving food over gas. It was recommended that we get to \$500 and then discuss whether to give food or gas vouchers.

Cemetery maintenance – Jean Herdina reported that several people talked to her about the condition of our cemetery. She drove out and said it was not in that good of condition (grass and weeds). Jean suggested we have a work day next year before Memorial Day. Steve has been working with the two young men who are mowing the cemetery. A question was asked about the notice in the bulletin that planters could be picked up in the church office and that there are still planters out there. Sara mentioned that our insurance requires that anyone operating machinery must be over the age of 18.

Upcoming events: Fall Dinner – To be held October 14th – same two couples will co-chair. Sara will get in touch with them. Installation of Fr. Joe as Pastor will be held on August 8th at 6:30 p.m. Location to be decided. Capital Campaign kick-off to take place Sunday, September 9th.

Next meeting: September 25th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Budget will be available at this meeting. Next meeting agenda item – council member terms (three year with a second term allowed followed by at least one year off).

No other discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and closing prayer was led by Fr. Joe.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mathiowetz, Acting Secretary