

Parish Council Minutes
September 7, 2021

Present: MaryBeth O'Rourke, Steve Barton, Sara Hormuth, Rob Taber, Fr. Rick, Debbie Macy, Char Snoap, Gina Mol, Bob Siegel, David Paquet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Dave Siegel welcomed everyone and Fr. Rick opened in prayer. The minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

Fr. Rick's Update:

- Financially, we are not doing well. We are over \$20,000 short two months into the fiscal year.
- We surpassed our Diocesan CSA goal; the overage will be returned to our parish.
- We have moved our banking to Mercantile Bank.
- We collected almost \$4,000 for assistance to Haiti.
- Fr. Rick will talk to our two pastors in Louisiana to see how we can help them.
- We are trying something different – a glory and praise mass – at the Sunday 5:15 mass.
- We are now able to provide luncheons after funerals.
- We are planning a special Mass for those who lost a family member during Covid and were not able to gather as under normal conditions. A luncheon is also being planned.
- The U.S. Bishops have developed materials on St. Peter Claver and racism. We will save the prayers for Black History Month and the Stations for Lent.
- We have funds to seal the parking lot and repair the tuck pointing at the handicapped entrance.
- We are looking at ways to keep Gabe at St. Alphonsus – perhaps the Endowment could fund a grant which would allow Carole Fedewa to provide liturgical training.
- The St. Alphonsus weekend went well.
- Young at Heart is back to their activities.
- There was discussion regarding the VITA Tax Program. New Development is no longer associated with our program.
- The house has not been moved.

The process of nominations for Parish Council Members was discussed. David Paquet is resigning due to moving and attending a different parish. Bob Siegel suggested that Rob Taber, Gina Mol, and Debbie Macy extend their term an additional year. This will leave us with two positions to fill.

Bob Siegel distributed an outline for goal setting. Our top concerns are Volunteerism, Communication, and Stagnation. Several starting ideas were mentioned to be developed at our next meeting.

Communication: currently use Facebook and our website.

Education: children and adults, Bible studies, the Jesus Mission, RCIA 2.0 – a refresher course.

Ushers and Greeters: Parish Council will take a turn.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Rectory conference room. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Macy, Secretary