

**Parish Council Meeting
November 5, 2019**

Present: Fr. Rick, Brian McKinney, MaryBeth O'Rourke, David Paquet, Jessica Lyons, Steve Barton, Bob Siegel, Sarah Hormuth, Deborah Macy

Guest: Tom Stine

Dave Paquet opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with prayer. The minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting were approved.

Tom Stine distributed three handouts; his questions were answered. The Parish Council went into closed session at 7:15 PM.

Fr. Rick Updates:

The parish received two sizeable donations. One donation of \$2,000 is to be used for discretionary purposes. Fr. Rick would like to use some of this money to do something with our young adults. The other donation will cover the expenses of next year's food truck. Due to the changeover of signatures with the bank, electronic withdrawals were not made for three months; Fr. Rick will send out a letter with options. The Finance Commission has agreed to a proposal to address Sunday offerings. AJ Fossel will update the parish on our budget after each Mass. She will introduce the concept of each parishioner increasing their offering by 1%.

With Bob Thiel's retirement, Fr. Rick has offered Sandy Kemp the position of Business Administrator. The job description will be developed. Any work requiring a CPA will be contracted out as needed. A new receptionist will need to be hired to handle phones, accounts payable, the bulletin, social networking, etc. Scott and Sandy are working on a central calendar. Fr. Rick has also met with the lady who books the gym for the Quinceañera events. She acts as a subcontractor. These events bring \$800 to our Parish at no cost to St. Alphonsus. The Parish Council will review the paperwork she will be submitting. Some of the required paperwork for moving the Carrier house is incomplete, stalling the move.

Misc.

Deborah Macy mentioned that several parishioners have fallen at the main doors of the church, possibly because of the rounded design of the first step. Rob Taber can no longer attend the Wednesday Finance Commission meetings. The role of the Finance Liaison is to get the Commission to meet monthly and submit minutes to the Parish Council. Sarah Hormuth will attend their next meeting. Fr. Rick said the Finance Commission should be coming to the Parish Council two times per year: (1) to present the budget in the spring and (2) fall status update.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 7:00 PM. Bob Siegel volunteered to open with prayer. Agenda items: calendar for 2020, goals for Parish Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Macy, Secretary