

**Parish Council Minutes**  
**November 19, 2020**

**Present:** Fr. Rick Potts, Debbie Macy, MaryBeth O'Rourke, Bob Siegel, David Paquet, Brian McKinney, Sarah Hormuth, Gina Moll, Jessica Lyons, Char Snoap, Steve Barton

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM via Zoom. Dave Siegel opened with prayer. Char Snoap and Hector Guillen were selected to fill the vacancies of out-going members Jessica Moll and Brian McKinney. The following were nominated for office and approved unanimously:

- Secretary: Debbie Macy
- Vice-Chairperson: Rob Taber
- Chairperson: Bob Siegel

David Paquet will turn over all the records to Bob Siegel and prepare packets for the new members.

**Fr. Rick's Update:**

- The Parish Office is temporarily closed due to a staff member testing positive for Covid.
- The Diocese has upgraded the restrictions – all things are closed except Mass and the Sacraments.
- We are still planning on the Christmas Store – details will be in the bulletin.
- Faith Formation is now on-line.
- Fr. Bernie has been assigned to St. Clement Health Care Center. He will celebrate the Vigil Mass on Nov. 21 and concelebrate 9:00 Mass on Sunday, Nov. 22. Parishioners will be able to drive through the circle drive to wave goodbye to Fr. Bernie after the 11:00 Mass. The Knights of Columbus will honor his 18 years at St. Alphonsus with a commemorative brick.
- Maureen Cromwell is working on ways to involve families during Advent. Dec. 6 there will be a tree lighting ceremony (circle drive). Families will be asked to hang ornaments, enjoy hot chocolate/cider. She is also asking for parishioners to send in Advent photos.
- Formed: 40 – 50 people are using the site; program recommendations will be featured in the bulletin.
- The Finance Council is finishing the tri-fold budget document. It will be emailed and be available at church.
- Last weekend was our lowest in regard to Mass attendance and offerings.
- Sandy Kemp will contact Licari's to see if they can hold a fundraiser will only takeout orders.
- Discussion followed regarding our Christmas Masses and how best to facilitate attendance.
- Live Stream update: The equipment is in, hard wiring completed. Volunteers are needed to operate the equipment at each Mass. Live streaming will be moved to YouTube.
- The Finance Council has rescheduled their meeting for December 6, 2020.
- MaryBeth O'Rourke attended the Endowment's meeting and reported someone from Endowment will be contacting Fr. Rick for more information regarding the Endowment fund covering expenses for the shortage in the budget for the kids in the Catholic schools. The Endowment committee wanted to look into whether or not the families that had kids in the schools were contributing to the church.
- We are about \$36,000 short in our CSA campaign.

Dave Paquet asked council members to consider where we, as a parish, want to be in the next eight months. How can we, as a Parish Council, help? Fr. Rick has asked Fr. Tom to prepare some online content, Fr. Chung will be facilitating a Bible Study. It was suggested that parishioners could volunteer to do some of the maintenance preparation work required for repairing plaster and painting in the church. Students still need service hours and might be interested in helping with streaming devices and gardening in the spring.

Gina Moll mentioned that Confirmation was special this year as it was held at home parishes.

On behalf of the Parish Council, David Paquet thanked Jessica Lyons and Brian McKinney for their three years on the Parish Council. Jessica said she appreciated the time on the Council. Brian said it was good to look back and see the progress over the three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

**Next meeting:  
Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Macy  
Secretary