

**Parish Council Meeting  
December 3, 2019**

**Present:** Fr. Rick, Deborah Macy, Steve Barton, Rob Taber, Brian McKinney, Bob Siegel, MaryBeth O'Rourke, Gina Moll

**Guests:** Rich McAuliffe, Tom Stein

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by David Paquet. Bob Siegel opened with prayer. The minutes of the November 5, 2019 were approved as read.

Rich McAuliffe and Tom Stein addressed the Council. The Council went into closed session at 7:32 PM.

The Council discussed the process for guests/parishioners presenting concerns at Parish Council meetings. After discussion, Debbie Macy volunteered to write up a draft addendum proposal which will be emailed this week and voted on at the January Council meeting.

**Fr. Rick's Update:**

The house meeting is scheduled for 12/4/19 at 2:30 PM with all involved. There are things we, as property owners, are responsible for. Six resumes have been received for the receptionist vacancy. Interviews will be set up for three of the candidates. We are still hammering out the details for Sandy's job description. Fr. Tom Santa is working on a new type of mission event based on the life of Jesus. He would like to present it at St. Alphonsus, possibly during Lent. The Bishop's Campaign mailing is starting to go out. It is unknown how it will be received at St. Alphonsus as we are a Redemptorist Parish and Redemptorists will not benefit from the campaign. A question was raised as to what will happen if we do not meet our assessment. We are currently about \$26,000 short of our CSA goal.

Fr. Rick asked the council to identify the most important needs and challenges of our parish:

- Communication
- Lack of young people at Mass
- Door-to-door inviting in the neighborhood
- Young adult ministry events
- Bible Study/Jeff Cavins
- Engage what the Mass is – educate the Catholics.
- Fr. Tom and Fr. Chung are thinking of a young couple's meal with child care provided – they would do the cooking.
- Theology on Tap (get the brewery to sponsor)
- Movie with guided discussion after
- Medical Mile and local schools
- Parish survey
- Lack of parishioners singing at Mass

- Sweet Hour of Prayer (lay people preach, music, prayer, readings, bring in preachers, something other than Mass or Rosary)
- Trivia Night at a bar
- A way to invite former parishioners back and address reasons why they left (Catholics Come Home – Lou Holtz commercial)
- Provide child care so parents can have a night out
- What are we doing to invite the families we serve at the Food and Clothing Bank, the Food Truck, Supper House, the Fish Fry?
- Handouts at Fish Fry, Pantry, Food Truck
- Weddings – match newlyweds with a young married couple at St. Alphonsus

Fr. Rick asked that Council members each research a specific idea and report back.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:30 PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Macy  
Secretary

**Parish Council Calendar:** Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM at the Parish Center

- February 4
- March 3
- April 14
- May 5
- June 2

Joint Meeting for Parish Staff, Parish Council, Finance Commission:  
March 10, 5:30 PM at Parish Center