

Parish Council Minutes
December 10, 2020

Present: Fr. Rick Potts, David Paquet, Bob Siegel, MaryBeth O'Rourke, Char Snoap, Sarah Hormuth, Debbie Macy, Steve Barton

Bob Siegel opened the meeting with prayer at 6:43 PM. The minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting were approved.

Liaison positions: Sarah Hormuth will continue to serve as liaison at the Finance meetings, MaryBeth O'Rourke will continue to serve as liaison at the Endowment meetings.

Fr. Rick's Update:

- They met this morning to discuss planning for the Holiday Masses.
- Fr. Tom will be presenting special evenings for recollection on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. These events will be live streamed.
- Fr. Rick will be meeting with the technicians and two volunteers regarding the live stream system.
- We haven't received the final bill, but have received approximately \$7,800 in donations toward streaming. Eventually a third camera will be added.
- The Christmas store worked well with appointments and time limits – there were no long lines.
- Meijer donated \$7,900 to the pantry. One organization will supply the pantry with diapers.

Focus in 2021: What can we do that we aren't already doing?

Bob Siegel suggested that we identify a social justice goal to be our focus. He will contact Michelle Hatfield to ask her where she sees a need. 1,000 Thanksgiving meals were delivered this year. It was suggested that we add a volunteer tab on our website. Michelle has a high school student who is shadowing her work. St. Alphonsus has a very good reputation about the social justice we do. Fr. Rick will email the council a document put out by the Redemptorists which identifies the characteristics of a Redemptorist Parish. Bob Siegel asked each council member to pick an area-goal, spiritual and physical, where we can help at St. Alphonsus.

Fundraising: Bob Siegel will contact Licari's to see if it is still feasible. If so, he will try to set a date.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 6:30 PM via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Macy
Secretary