

**Parish Council Meeting
September 16, 2019**

Present: Fr. Rick Potts, Fr. Chung Tran, Brian McKinney, Jessica Lyons, Rob Tabor, Gina Mol, Mary Beth O'Rourke, David Paquet, Steve Barton, Deborah Macy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM; Rob Taber opened with prayer. Fr. Rick mentioned that the Parish Education Endowment Fund is looking for another member and said he would like someone from the Parish Council on the Committee. Mary Beth O'Rourke volunteered; Gina Mol will serve as back up.

Rob Taber, Liaison to the Finance Council, reported that the committee met through the summer, but cancelled their last three meetings. Bob Thiel will be retiring in November. Fr. Rick suggested that a panel be formed to vet and interview potential candidates. The panel should include some from the Finance Committee, Parish Council, and the administration. Gina Mol and Dave Paquet volunteered to be part of the panel.

Discussion followed regarding the various committees at St. Alphonsus, how they relate to each other, and where they fall under the organization umbrella. It was suggested that the positions on Finance, Endowment, and such should be filled on a rotating basis (perhaps three-year terms like the Parish Council) so that committees do not become stagnant and allow more parishioners an opportunity to serve. Questions raised: (a) who is on the Parish Council (and other committees?) (b) how does the Parish Council know the needs of the Parish? (c) how do you contact the Parish Council? (d) does the Finance Committee furnish the Parish Council with a budget for approval?

Carrier House Update: All is going ahead and the house should be moved within a few months. St. Alphonsus will be reimbursed the moving costs (\$25,000) after the move is completed. Dave Paquet recommended that we bring in an engineer prior to filling in the foundation and allowing parking.

CSA Update: Updates are available weekly in the bulletin. We have reached just over 70% of our goal. The website has been updated and there is now a button for financial donations. Cook out for the Parish Council and staff (including families) will be held Oct. 13, 2019, at Jessica Lyon's home at 1:00 PM. The minutes from the June 10, 2019, meeting were approved as corrected.

Immediate Goals:

- Establish an organization chart of all parish committees and groups
- Ask all committees to submit a copy of their minutes to the Parish Council
- Schedule a joint meeting of the Parish Council, Finance Council and St. Alphonsus staff

Steve Barton mentioned that several parishioners asked him about the new hymnals, specifically why we are no longer using the Voices as One book and if those songs are included in the new hymnal. He also addressed that the missalettes were used in RCIA and the Monday Bible Studies. The new hymnals do not have an overview of the readings which is helpful for RCIA. Fr. Rick said we also may need to have Large Print missalettes available.

The next meeting will be held Mon., Oct 7, 2019, 7:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Macy, Secretary