



St. Alphonsus Parish Council Minutes

Parish Council Meeting – March 25, 2025 – Meeting called to order by Doug Slobodnik 6:00pm.

Members present: Father Ross Epping, Barb Brown, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Bitrus Gwamna, Doug Slobodnik, Maureen Walsh, Mary Panter, Marc Lindeen, Bob Donnolly, Kent Metcalf, Adrian Rubey, Irma Perez

Absent: Ryan Harvey

Opening Prayer: Bitrus Gwamna

Minutes: Motion to approve made by Kent, seconded by Bitrus

Pastoral Comments:

1. Cemetery Board updated bylaws, and increased plot rates. Parishioner \$350 Non-Parishioner \$800
2. Holy Week: Holy Thursday and Good Friday Mass will be 6:00 p.m., there will be no Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday will be at 8:00 a.m.
3. We will be getting three new TVs placed to show announcements – the Gathering Space, Library and Manning Hall entrance

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** No new meeting. There will be a food drive in the coming months.
- b. **Liturgy:** Will meet with Fr. regarding decorations for Holy Week.
- c. **Parish Life:** No new meeting. Will meet soon to include other parishioners that have shown interest in being involved.
- d. **Building and Grounds:** There are a number of crates in storage containing items from the former church building (windows, stations, etc.). They are currently being stored in a trailer off-site. Discussion was held to bring those crates back to St. Alphonsus and store them in the garage for the time being. The future of those items will be discussed at the parish council meeting.
- e. **Faith Formation:** No update
- f. **Finance:** We are in good financially standing.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** There has been a request for help conducting Mass. As we have some new members to our church, they are needing to learn the order of Mass and the appropriate times to kneel, sit and stand. Discussion was had as to ways we can help. It was also suggested Altar Servers be trained.

Old Business

- a. **Chamber Dinner:** Table is full. Looking forward to a great night.
- b. **Council Elections:** This will be the end of Bitrus, Ryan's, and Kent's second term, Bob is finishing his first term and is able to run again. The nomination period and election are scheduled. It was suggested to have a member of the youth have a seat on the council to share their input, as well as learn about the business side of the church.
- c. **Cemetery Clean-Up:** Scheduled for Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m., it was suggested to move events like this to after work hours to allow more people to help.

New Business

- a. **Items in Storage:** Discussion was held in relation to both the altar that currently sits in the parish library and the stations of the cross that are in storage. We discussed finding a new and proper home for the altar and stations - particularly a parish/church that might find itself in need of sacred items. After discussion, all present voted in favor of removing finding a new parish/church for the altar and stations. Fr. will meet with the Diocese for assistance on finding a proper home for these items.

Next Meeting: April 29, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Bitrus will offer the opening and closing prayer.

Closing Prayer: Bob

Meeting Adjourned by Doug at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Yoder, Secretary