

**St Alphonsus and St John the Evangelist
Combined Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Held at St. John Annual Meeting September 15,2001**

In attendance: Carol Abraham, Sonja Bigley, Mary Ehr, John Jacobs, Chris Knapp, Linda Kron, Justin Lindas, Mo Nicolazzi, Brian Sekey, Kirk Wagner, Mary Warren, Rich Weber, Adam Yunker, Deacon Stan Lowe, DAS Pat Vos.

Excused: Jeff Kuen **Guests:** Marilyn Magnuski

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chris Knapp. Pat Vos led the group in prayer and contemplation.

Minutes of the August 10, 2001 meeting were approved as distributed via email. The approved minutes were distributed to the secretaries at both parishes, as well as to Sue Weiger for posting on the parish web site

Parish Director Report:

Contributions: Deacon Stan reported that the average contributions at both parishes had increased slightly from last year's level.

School: At this time the school enrollment is higher than last year. The number of students budgeted for this year was 76. At this time we have 84 students enrolled.

St. John Activities: Classrooms are being painted by parish volunteers. Several donors have contributed funds to cover the cost of replacing the flooring in the hallway at no cost to the parish.

Priest availability: Deacon Stan reported that Fr. Tony and Fr. Bill will be covering most of the weekend masses over the next 3 months. The LaSalette priests will be covering weekday masses.

Committee Reports: Administrative Services

Finance Committee: Carol Kerkman presented the St. Alphonsus Finance Committee report. St. John Finance committee information was presented by Pat Vos. Contributions are keeping close to projections. WE Energy did a cost effectiveness analysis and results were shared with the Finance Committee. (copies of the Annual Budget, Faith in our Future report and St.Alphonsus committee report are on file with the original minutes in the Parish Office)

A suggestion was made that the budget reports format be changed when it is printed in the bulletin to reflect Surplus/ Deficit rather than Profit/Loss. This will be initiated with next month's report.

Building and Grounds: LeRoy Vos presented the St. Alphonsus Building and Grounds report. (copy of the report is on file with the original minutes in the Parish Office). St. John B-G Committee is being restructured and a new committee chair is being sought.

Cemetery: Adam Yunker presented the St. John Cemetery report. Fall cleanup project is scheduled. The roof on the garage needs to be repairs. Bids have been received The St. John Perpetual Care Fund has adequate funds to cover the costs of this project. Deacon Stan is checking with the Archdiocese to see if these

funds can be utilized. Consideration is being given to installing a metal roof which would be more expensive but more durable. The project will be completed soon. The committee has received inquiries from parishioners regarding the installation of a columbarium to house cremated remains. Various prices, sizes and styles are being looked at. Additional information will be obtained and presented to the Parish Council next month. The St. Alphonsus Cemetery Committee will also explore the possibility of a columbarium since additional ground space is becoming scarce at that site.

Old Business:

Stewardship : Dates for Stewardship and Commitment Weekend are being moved to the weekend of 10/29 and 11/12. A suggestion has been made to merge the two parish stewardship brochures into a single publication along with the Time and Talent information. Blended data will make the information easier to understand and emphasize our status as combined parishes.

A suggestion was made to begin a campaign to deploy specific information regarding volunteer opportunities at both parishes. Bulletin articles and information from the pulpit will be utilized to prepare parishioners for what is needed.

Committee Night / Committee Liaison Sign-up: Discussion focusing on the concept of a single committee night for parish groups agreed that it is a good idea but difficult to orchestrate. The goal is to have parishioners serve on only one committee to avoid getting burned out. We have made good progress in merging like activities between parishes but the plan to hold meetings on a single day of the month has met with marginal success. One of the questions that is being considered is whether groups should consider quarterly vs. monthly meetings. A master list of committees and chairs has been created by Pat Vos and Deacon Stan will communicate with the current chairs of these groups requesting a roster of the current members. Recommendations will be discussed with the groups and January, 2012, will be the beginning date for the new schedule of meetings. Council members were reminded that they are asked to identify a parish group/committee for which they would serve as liaison to the council. Administrative Services is in need of a volunteer.

Web Site Organization: No update. Anyone with web design expertise was urged to volunteer their ideas

Parish Directory: Photos will be completed next weekend. The design phase of the directory will include candid shots of various parish activities as well as narrative history and roster information. Sonja and Mo will be working with representatives from St. John to complete this work. The goal is to have the directories completed by December.

New Business:

Blest Art: An organization run by Christians in the Holy Land has contacted our parishes requesting to sell hand made art made by members of their organization. This project is endorsed by the Archdiocese and there is no monetary commitment required of the parish. The sale of the art objects will strictly benefit their work in the Holy Land. Council approved this event which will be scheduled on July 14 and July 15 at both sites.

Archdiocese Communication: We have had no feedback relating to the meeting with Rick Tank. Carol Abraham will follow up with his office.

Parish Life Committee: This activity has been recommended by the Archdiocese to promote social events, host funeral receptions, to welcome new families and new babies born to parish members, focusing on social activities NOT fund raising activities. Discussion resulted in a recommendation that we consider streamlining and restructuring existing committees at both parishes. Deacon Stan provided samples of new member packets from St. Charles Borromeo. Discussion addressed the potential value of developing a folder representing both St. Alphonsus and St. John the Evangelist with pertinent information relating to both sites. Deacon will bring a sample to the next council meeting.

Evangelization Focus: Parish Council is being asked to review a survey which has been developed by Archbishop Listecki. We need to identify what evangelization events have been successful over the past five years and which activities are ongoing. An Evangelization Summit is being scheduled for 2012. At that time best practices will be identified. Recommendation that this topic be placed on the October PC meeting agenda for further consideration and clarification.

From the Floor :

Wave Runner: Ads have been in the bulletin but only one response. John Jacobs suggested holding off on the sale until Spring when boating season begins. The wave runner will be on display at the St. Al Fall Festival and may be included in the Silent Auction.

Michael Russell O'Brien Concert: Was well received and Mary Meyers has requested approval for scheduling a Christmas Concert. The idea of including this event for Faith Formation service hours was suggested. The council approved of going ahead with a Christmas event.

Calendar dates for 2012: Discussion will be held next month re: dates for Parish Council Retreat and holiday staff party.

Credit Card Implementation: Evaluation of various vendors has been completed and the project will be implemented as of January 1. More information will be shared with parishioners outlining the process and benefits prior to that time.

Roman Missal Change Training: Sessions are being scheduled. Small group sessions will provide information. Dates of these sessions will be identified in the bulletin. Changes in the music are going to be rehearsed during masses.

John Michael Talbot Concert: Our parish is on the schedule for May 2013. Details will be provided at a later date.

Blood Drive Posters: Posters for the October 2 St. Alphonsus Blood Drive were available.

Next Parish Council Meeting: October 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m. St. Alphonsus

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Sonja Bigley, Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER:

New flooring at St.John: A generous donor has provided funds to replace the carpeting in the hallway at no cost to the parish. Sincere thanks to this generous donor!

Stewardship and Commitment Weekend: Scheduled for masses during weekend of 10/ 29 and weekend of 11/5.

Parish Directory: The design phase of the project is underway. Target for completion is December.

Michael Russell O'Brien Concert: A Christmas concert is being planned. More details to follow.

Credit Card Implementation: Target date for implementation is January 1, 2012

Roman Missal Changes: Small group sessions will be held beginning next weekend to explore the proposed changes. Changes in the music will be rehearsed during masses.