**Saint Alban Roe (SAR)**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**26 September 2023, Written 8 October 2023**

**7:30-8:30 pm**

**In Person Members (Parish Rectory Basement):** Fr. Clark Philipp, Fr. John Seper, Joe Braeckel (Vice President), John Gleich (Secretary), Anne Marie Christopher, Dan Tarpey, Christy Brotherton, Mike Rethorn, John Stieferman, Megan Ruder, Tammy Lawrence, Sue Garrett, Pam Schnell

**Members Absent:** Gary Lombardo (President), Deacon Keith Mallon, Susan Noonan, Mark Pilkenton

**Gary Lombardo** had another commitment so **Joe Braeckel** conducted the meeting.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** opened our meeting with a prayer.

**Joe Braeckel** asked for any special intentions.

We had introductions to our two new Parish Council members **Sue Garrett** and **Pam Schnell**. **Mark Hayek** and **Angelo Ferrante** retired from the Parish Council. **Gary Lombardo** has agreed to stay on and serve as President of the Parish Council for now this year.

**Joe Braeckel** asked to approve the previous Parish Council minutes. The previous Parish Council minutes were approved as written, and **John Gleich** sent them to Sally Tschopp to post on our SAR website.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** and the Parish Council members had discussions about the following topics:

1. **Fr. Clark Philipp** has taken over many of the functions that Sr. Christian Price did including Confirmation, PSR, training servers and Communications.
2. **Fr. Clark Philipp** and **Gary Lombardo** worked to set up several (4 or 5) Parish Listening Sessions for September and October. These sessions will seek input from the attendees on Parish issues and will have a scribe to note the discussions. **Anne Marie Christopher** volunteered to facilitate the refreshments and snacks for the Mikesch Hall session. The key questions to be addressed at the Listening Sessions include: (1) What do you love about our Parish? (2) What are the challenges and growth opportunities? (3) What are your hopes and desires for the Parish?
3. The 9/30/23 Parish Fall Festival is in the final stages of planning with events and volunteers.
4. The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for our Parish was very successful this year thanks to the hard work of Vern Dirnberger and many others.
5. **Fr. Clark Philipp** talked briefly about a book that he likes entitled “From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age”. He plans to get copies for all of the Parish Council members to read.
6. It was noted that there are still several issues with the ministry contact spreadsheet information, that there are too many groups labeled ministry that are not really ministries, and that there are positions in the Parish that are not currently filled including Communications and Evangelization. **Fr. Clark Philipp** and **Fr. John Seper** will be working on this as they consider our Parish structure.
7. **Fr. Clark Philipp** was wondering whether our Parish could form an Athletic Association to better address our silo’d sports programs. Getting sufficient adult supervision and volunteers is a current problem in our sports programs.
8. It was noted that our Bereavement Committee has done a wonderful job with our Parish funerals.
9. **John Gleich** volunteered to update our Parish Council contact spreadsheet and send it out to everyone.

**Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for October 24th at 7:30pm in the Parish Council Room.**

**Fr. Clark Philipp** closed the meeting with a prayer.