**Saint Alban Roe (SAR)**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**27 February 2024, Written 29 February 2024**

**7:30-9:05 pm**

**In Person Members (Mikesch Hall):** Fr. Clark Philipp, Fr. John Seper, Gary Lombardo (President), Joe Braeckel (Vice President), John Gleich (Secretary), Deacon Keith Mallon, Tammy Lawrence, Christy Brotherton, Sue Garrett, Pam Schnell, Megan Ruder, Anne Marie Christopher

**Members Absent:** John Stieferman, Mark Pilkenton, Dan Tarpey, Mike Rethorn

We met in church at ~7:15 pm, prayed quietly first, then together, asking for intentions, and then moved downstairs to Mikesch Hall for our meeting.

**Gary Lombardo** opened our meeting with the following agenda that he had sent out prior to the meeting:

* Opening Prayer 7:30 pm in Church
* Special Intentions
* Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
* Pastor’s Report
* “From Christendom to Apostolic Mission”: Final Review – Fr. Philipp
* Introduction of Social & Evangelical Ministries Model
* Community Building: Donut Sundays & Parish Festival – Gary Lombardo
* Feedback from the Parish - Parish Ministries Review
* Next Meeting March 26th in Mikesch Hall – 7:30 pm (In Church)
* Closing Prayer

**Gary Lombardo** asked to approve the minutes for our last meeting. The meeting minutes were approved and sent to Sally Tschopp to post on our SAR web site.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** opened with the following:

1. He is interviewing several candidates for two open Parish positions, Communications/Marketing, and Discipleship/Evangelization.
2. Donut Sundays have been started again, have gone well and have been very well attended.
3. The School Casino night went very well, raising just under $100K.

**Gary Lombardo** led a long discussion about our next Fall Festival. He suggested that we consider having the Fall Festival over 2 days, over Friday/Saturday on Labor Day weekend. One day might be mainly for families with simpler food, and the other day might be for adults. He said that he’d chair the event again and wants to form a committee now to plan and execute it. This would include the areas of food & beverages, raffles, games, rides, promotions, set up & tear down, etc.

Experience from last year has shown that we need to work harder on selling out the grand raffle, which makes most of the profit to pay for the event. Last year we sold ~180 out of 200 tickets. There was discussion about when to have the event, in particular whether Labor Day weekend would be ideal or not for a large turnout. We currently have a short, end of school, event in May, for the school children. Soccer will be not be played on the weekend that we have the festival. It was suggested to consider having a Parish Survey Monkey to guide the event to include desired dates, two days vs one day with one day for everyone and one day for the adults, desire to participate in the planning/execution committee, desire to attend, having rides and a live band, etc.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** briefly broached the topic of having a Campaign of Stewardship and reminded us that we have endowments in place for both the Parish and the school. We discussed that prior to the pandemic we had annual Fall Ministry Sundays in the gym, to highlight all the good work that all of our Parish groups do in the Parish.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** led a long discussion about the book “From Christendom to Apostolic Mission”. Parish Council members were to have read the remainder of the book prior to our meeting, namely Chapters 4, 5 and the conclusion. To guide our discussion, he handed out a one page summary listing the following principles (with quotes from the book):

1. Gaining an apostolic attitude
2. Refusing to be trapped by social analysis
3. Maintaining and using institutions differently
4. Establishing and strengthening practices that incarnate the Christian vision
5. Rethinking priestly life and education in light of the current cultural context
6. Allocating resources with apostolicity in mind
7. Being ready to put up with a certain apostolic “messiness”
8. Expecting cultural influences to be exercised primarily by impressive witness

**Fr. Clark Philipp** posed the question “What is the purpose of a Parish?” He said that it is “To make Jesus known and to be known and loved by Him.” There was discussion about what our Parish ministries do, how they function and how that might change. He asked “What does an engaged Parish with an apostolic life look like? It was suggested that maybe the leaders of the ministries and Parish groups need to meet and discuss this to see how we can evolve and do better. **Fr. Clark Philipp** and **Fr. John Seper** need help with the Parish leaders to make the Apostolic Mission a reality.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** asked that for our next meeting we ponder the questions “What does the community look like that is on fire with Christ? What do you notice about them (Apostolic Mission)?”

**Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 7:30 pm, with the Council meeting in the church first at 7:15 pm, then Mikesch Hall at 7:30pm.**

**Fr. Clark Philipp** closed the meeting with a prayer ~9:05 pm.