

Saint Alban Roe (SAR)
Parish Council Meeting
27 August 2024, Written 13 September 2024
7:45-8:55 pm

In Person Members (Mikesch Hall): Fr. Clark Philipp, Christine Brotherton (President), Joe Braeckel (Vice President), John Gleich (Secretary), Sue Garrett, Deacon Keith Mallon, Tammy Lawrence, Pam Schnell, Dan Tarpey, Mark Pilkenton, Mike Rethorn

Members Absent: Megan Ruder

We met in church at ~7:30 pm, prayed quietly first, then together, asking for intentions, and then moved downstairs to Mikesch Hall for our meeting.

Christine Brotherton opened our meeting with the following agenda that she had sent out prior to the meeting:

Silent Prayer and intentions 7:30 pm in church

Approve previous meeting minutes

Donut Sunday

Thank you for your help volunteering

Goal - invite other organizations in parish to volunteer each month

AlbanFest – Saturday September 7th

Parish Council Questions

- *What are you interested in accomplishing on the Parish Council?*
- *What are your expectations of the Council?*
- *What still needs to be done?*

Meeting cadence going forward

Closing Prayer

Christine Brotherton asked to approve the minutes for our last meeting, which were approved. **John Gleich** sent the approved minutes to Sally Tschopp to post on our Parish website.

Christine Brotherton said that the Donut Sundays are going well and that we're working to transition them to other Parish organizations to run on a rotating basis. She also asked for everyone to promote and help out at AlbanFest on September 7th.

Fr. Clark Philipp revisited where we left off at our last meeting with what our Parish would look like if it's living the **Apostolic Model of Ministry** (please refer to our last meeting minutes). There was considerable discussion on this topic which led into the three Parish Council questions that **Christine Brotherton** submitted prior to our meeting:

- What are you interested in accomplishing on the Parish Council?
- What are your expectations of the Council?
- What still needs to be done?

Fr. Clark Philipp questioned as to whether the Parish Council should focus on evangelization. There was considerable discussion about that, and **John Gleich** offered to send out our current SAR Parish Council Constitution and By-laws, dated 1/1996, which he did after the meeting. He also sent out the Archdiocese Guidelines for the Ministry of Parish Pastoral Councils, dated September 2017.

Mark Pilkenton had done some work on the above three Parish Council agenda questions and shared this:

A parish council in a Catholic church serves as an advisory and consultative body that supports the pastor in the governance and pastoral care of the parish. Its main purposes include:

1. **Advisory Role:** *The parish council provides advice and guidance to the pastor on matters related to the spiritual, liturgical, and pastoral life of the parish. This can include decisions on parish programs, outreach initiatives, and other activities that promote the mission of the church.*
2. **Fostering Community:** *The council helps build a sense of community within the parish by encouraging participation in parish life, organizing events, and facilitating communication among parish members.*
3. **Pastoral Planning:** *The parish council assists in developing and implementing a vision and plan for the parish's future, ensuring that the needs of the congregation are met and that the parish is aligned with the broader mission of the diocese.*
4. **Coordination of Ministries:** *The council coordinates the work of various parish ministries and committees, ensuring that efforts are unified and effectively serve the parish community.*
5. **Support for Parish Activities:** *The parish council plays a key role in planning and supporting parish activities, such as liturgical celebrations, educational programs, social events, and charitable works.*
6. **Representation of Parishioners:** *Members of the parish council act as representatives of the parishioners, bringing forward their concerns, suggestions, and feedback to the pastor and the council.*

Overall, the purpose of a Catholic parish council is to collaborate with the pastor in nurturing the spiritual growth of the parish community and ensuring the effective operation and vitality of parish life.

Christine Brotherton, Pam Schnell and **Mark Pilkenton** volunteered to work on a Mission Statement for the Parish Council.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be September 24th. The time and place will be TBD depending on Fr. Philipp's schedule. Fr. Clark Philipp closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:55 pm.