

Saint Alban Roe (SAR)
Parish Council Meeting
28 May 2024, Written 31 May 2024, revised 28 June 2024
7:30-8:45 pm

In Person Members (Mikesch Hall): Fr. Clark Philipp, Fr. John Seper, Gary Lombardo (President), Joe Braeckel (Vice President), John Gleich (Secretary), Christy Brotherton, Sue Garrett, Megan Ruder

Members Absent: Deacon Keith Mallon, John Stieferman, Mark Pilkenton, Mike Rethorn, Tammy Lawrence, Pam Schnell, Anne Marie Christopher, Dan Tarpey

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
- Parish Council Elections
- SAR School Task Force Update
- Consider A Stewardship Campaign For The Fall
- Donut Sundays & Parish Festival – Gary Lombardo
- Feedback from the Parish
- Next Meeting June 25th in Mikesch Hall – Meet 7:15 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. There will be some construction in the Parish Office area to make one or two offices for Parish staff changes.
2. The Catholic Religious Education (CRE) lead (Jim B) will have his office in the school.
3. There will be some Rectory office updates/repairs to the bathrooms and other areas.
4. There will be a Corpus Christi procession on June 1st following 4:30 mass.
5. Following 4:30 mass on June 15th there will be a going away reception for Fr. Seper.

Gary Lombardo said that he will be leaving the Parish Council this summer, as well as John Stieferman and Anne Marie Christopher. **John Gleich** said that he'd continue to be Secretary unless someone else wanted the position. **Joe Braeckel** said that he'd continue as Vice President, but didn't want to be President. **Fr. Clark Philipp** said that he'd consider what to do about the

President position and questioned whether it was necessary to have elections. **Fr. Clark Philipp** then reviewed the Parish Council bylaws, dated 1996, and the need to update them. The Council discussed that it would be helpful to get one or two new council members who are school parents or other younger members who could better represent that portion of the Parish.

Fr. Clark Philipp and **Gary Lombardo** briefly discussed the status of the School Task Force. The School Task Force has identified 4 Lines of Engagement to address: (1) Data Analysis/Targeting, (2) Marketing, (3) Development, and (4) Community Engagement.

Gary Lombardo said that Donut Sundays (third Sundays) have been going very well and have been well attended and very successful. We discussed transitioning it from the Parish Council taking care of it to the Parish Council just coordinating it and having various groups in the Parish taking turns executing it each month, possibly starting in August/September. **Gary Lombardo** volunteered to facilitate this.

There was discussion about our next Fall Festival lead by **Gary Lombardo**. There has been Fall Festival Committee meetings to discuss the areas of food & beverages, raffles, games, rides, promotions, set up & tear down, etc. There will be no large rides. There will be a band, tents, booths, a beer tent, blow ups (bounce, slide, obstacle course), possible field day type events for the children, etc. Prime Timers will do bingo, we will serve hamburgers and hotdogs during the day with a pig roast in the evening and a grand raffle. The event is September 7th from 10am-9pm.

There was a successful “Parish Night Out” at our pavilion on May 18th that included food, drinks, a DJ and games. ~150 meals were served.

There was a discussion about having a Stewardship Campaign (Time, Talent and Treasure), led by **Fr. Clark Philipp**. This would include tithing, donations, endowments, trust/estate planning, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from retirement accounts, scholarships, etc. Our tithing and donation trend has been down for several years now, and there are many capital needs to be met to keep our Parish financially stable and growing.

Fr. Clark Philipp pointed out that our Parish will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2030. We are considering having a near term engagement and tithing campaign, followed later by a stewardship and capital campaign, directed at significant campus improvements for our 50th anniversary. There was some discussion about engaging an outside Archdiocese approved agency to help facilitate the tithing campaign.

Fr. Clark Philipp said that the Archdiocese Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is doing well with many new participants, getting close to our \$ goal, with a month to go yet.

Msgr. Tim Cronin will be starting July 1st when Fr. John Seper will be leaving.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be June 25th at 7pm in Mikesch Hall, following meeting in the church at 6:45pm for prayer first. There will be no July meeting.

Fr. John Seper closed the meeting with a prayer at ~8:45 pm.