**Saint Alban Roe (SAR)**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**28 November 2023, Written 7 January 2024**

**7:45-8:55 pm**

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

**Members Absent:** Susan Noonan

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

**Gary Lombardo** noted that the last Parish Council meeting minutes were not sent out. **John Gleich** apologized that he was on vacation, that **Joe Braeckel** wrote the minutes and sent them only to **John Gleich**, and **John Gleich** forgot to send them out after his vacation. **John Gleich** sent the minutes out on 1/7/24. They can be approved at our next meeting on 1/23/24 at 7:30pm.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** opened with a discussion on the status of many parish issues including:

1. Open Parish staff positions, especially actively working on filling the Communications position
2. Reenergizing the School Board, including an election of several new members on December 16/17
3. Open House for the school is 1/28
4. Reviewing our campus security
5. Resolved the sewer gas smell in Mikesch Hall that has been around for 20+ years (dry sewer traps)
6. Reviewing campus maintenance needs
7. Doing Advent/Christmas planning. There was some discussion on Christmas Mass times/places (church/gym), the Christmas Outreach, the Knights of Columbus sponsored Breakfast with Santa, etc.

**Fr. Clark Philipp** led a group discussion of the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book **From Christendom to Apostolic Mission** (our reading assignment from our previous meeting). Our assignment for our next meeting on 1/23/24 is to read Chapters 2 and 3. Our assignment for the meeting after that on 2/27/24 is to read Chapters 4, 5 and the conclusion. **Fr. Clark Philipp** indicated that we need to shape our Parish to be more Apostolic.

**Gary Lombardo** led a discussion on Parish engagements. These included Family Fun Nights, Men’s and Women’s Group functions, Recent Wild Game and Bourbon Tasting, and restarting Donut Sunday (one Sunday/month). It was suggested heading up the Donut Sunday with the Parish Council and rotating responsibilities of facilitating it through the ministries, starting with the Parish Council, especially trying to engage the school parents and families. Mark Pilkenton volunteered to be the Donut Chair to coordinate it.

**Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 7:30pm, with the Council meeting in the church first at 7:15, then the Parish Council Room or Mikesch Hall at 7:30pm.**

**Fr. John Seper** closed the meeting with a prayer.