

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council Meeting
Minutes for Monday, May 4, 2009**

Attending Members: Bill Bergan, Roman Lynch, Rev. Everett Hemann, John Klaus, Don Alexander, Diane Lyon, Patrick Clem, Doug Ulaszek, Jessica Rosenhamer, Dave Dirks, Alan Lynch, Shannon Schroeder

Absent Members: Jerry Peltier, Elise Mullen, Kimberley Taylor, Kathy White, Sebastian Yaklin

Guests: Rae Reilly

PC meets at **7:00 p.m.** the 2nd *Monday of the month in Our Lady of Guadalupe (*unless otherwise noted)

Meeting Date/Prayer Leader: Jun 8/ Patrick, Jul 20/ Roman, Aug 10/ John, Sept 14/ Doug, Oct 12/ Dave

Pick up your packets on table in STA garden hallway the weekend before each meeting

1. **Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm**

2. **Prayer/meditation was led by Jessica**

3. **Agenda was approved**

4. **April minutes were approved**

5. **AMOS Update**

A new two-year cycle is beginning. The focus will be one-on-one relationship building sessions with parishioners and house meetings to identify important issues and develop an agenda. There will be a November 1 rally and caucus in Des Moines in an effort to partner with and gain the support of legislators.

6. **Commission Reports - [Please focus on future events, especially planning – don't read from minutes in packet. (Commissions are listed on the gold Appendix sheets of the Constitution and By Laws)].**

FAC – A new employee handbook entitled “Personnel Handbook” is out – PC members please review and bring to the June meeting. Alumni Days at ISU will include noon mass and lunch on May 14. Farewell Tours led by Father Ev will take place to encourage new students to come to ISU/STA. A Spring Clean-Up day will be scheduled. The Knights of Columbus will be doing some painting around the church. An extra paper towel dispenser will be added to the bathrooms and signs will be posted in the bathrooms stating that extra supplies (such as paper towels and toilet paper) are kept in the nursery above the sink.

CJP – Participation by STA in the Food-at-First ministry will be explored to gain a better understanding of the gospel basis for the ministry. A speaker will be arranged to provide “in-service training” on Peace-making efforts. At the next meeting the CJP members will evaluate the 12 ministries that come within the scope of their commission by utilizing their mission statement.

PFL – Evaluated how STA can be an advocate for persons with disabilities in response to a request from the Diocese.

WSG – Youth Pizza Party scheduled (targeted at high school members) to evaluate what high school students' needs are and how they can become more involved in the liturgy. Media Outreach options were explored due to budget and technology concerns with consensus to digitally record STA Masses. The Mass will then be available for TV broadcast as well as posted to the STA website for download. Seating is being evaluated to better accommodate those with mobility issues and the instrumentalists. Staff – Continuing Ed for staff will be cut to make up for our budget deficit.

Board of Ed – no report

CM – no report

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. President's Report

Blessing of Outgoing Members and July 12 Farewell for Father Ev

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

11. Convene New Council

Assignment of New Commissions – Dave Dirks/ CJP, Doug Ulaszek/ WSG, Kimberley Taylor/ PFL.
Set Meeting Dates – see Meeting Date/ Prayer Leader in above minutes, Summer Parish Council/Staff
Picnic is July 20 at Bill Bergan's home.
Election of new Secretary – Patrick Clem

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Rosenhamer