

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council
November 9, 2009
Our Lady of Guadalupe Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Bergan, Fr. Jon Seda, Roman Lynch, John Klaus, Don Alexander, Jerry Peltier, Diane Lyon, Patrick Clem, Doug Ulaszek, Jessica Rosenhammer, Dave Dirks, Ann Gansemer-Topf, Alan Lynch

Absent: Kimberley Taylor, Elisa Mullen

7:02 Call to Order

Prayer – Jerry Peltier

7:08 Approval of agenda – Bill Bergan

7:09 Approval of October minutes – Bill Bergan

7:09 Old Business

The statement regarding the release of alumni for parish information (John Klaus) was reviewed by the council. Fr. Jon Seda suggested revisions; council approved the revisions. Plans were finalized for Sunday night supper for students on Dec. 6. (Alan Lynch) The council approved the final version of the personnel manual.

7:20 Commission Reports

Charity, Justice, Peace – John Klaus – Nothing new to report.

Parish Family Life – Alan Lynch – The Re-Treat for Married Couples event has been delayed till Spring 2010.

Worship and Spiritual Growth – Jessica Rosenhamer - The commission met to review parish practices in regards to standing/kneeling and flu outbreak procedures.

Staff- Don Alexander – The staff is working through the Diocese changes in regards to the structure of pastoral councils. A majority of the council has expressed interest in having the council staff retreat be Saturday, January 30.

Board of Education – Ann Gansemer-Topf – Religious education participation remains consistent. Fr. Jon Seda added that Angelina Willard, youth minister, has resigned. Her position will need to be filled at the end of December.

Campus Ministry – Elise Mullen – (via Jerry Peltier and Fr. Seda) – The commission had a discussion at their meeting about the need to be more focused. This may mean having fewer events with more people.

Finance and Administration – Diane Lyon – The commission set an ultimatum date of the first part of December for the Parish Web site to be redesigned. Peter

Orazem was the head of the commission for 9 years and is stepping down from the commission. Peter did a great job and we thank him for his time and talent. February 12 is the stewardship appreciation party. February 20 is the beginning for the next group of Discerning Our Giftedness.

7:40 New Business

The council retreat will be on Saturday, January 30. **Each council member is asked to bring a list of three specific priorities to the next meeting.** The parish council will become the pastoral council in January. The council will explain the changes in posture during the Eucharist on the first Sunday of Advent.

8:14 Elections

Alan Lynch will replace Bill Bergan as the new chair for the council. Dave Dirks is the new vice chair and will replace Alan Lynch. Patrick Clem will remain the secretary of the council.

8:20 Adjournment

Future meeting dates:

December 14	Jessica Rosenhamer
January 11	Patrick Clem

Respectfully submitted by Bethany Pint