

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council
January 11, 2009
Our Lady of Guadalupe Room
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Dave Dirks, Fr. Jon Seda, Roman Lynch, John Klaus, Jerry Peltier, Bill Bergan, Patrick Clem, Don Alexander, Alan Lynch, Diane Lyon, Doug Ulaszek, Elise Mullen

Absent: Jessica Rosenhammer, Ann Gansemer-Topf, Kimberley Taylor

Visitor: Glen Sibbel, representative, board of education

7:03 Call to Order

Prayer – Patrick Clem

7:06 Approval of agenda – Alan Lynch

7:06 Approval of December minutes – Alan Lynch (approve in January)

7:09 Old Business- The council discussed three slight changes to the parishioner information policy. The parishioner information policy now reads:

*Personal information including names, telephone numbers and addresses are for parish and Archdiocesan use only, and shall not be given or shared with groups, individuals, agencies or organizations. **The Pastor shall take action on any request after consultation with Pastoral Council.** St. Thomas Aquinas makes no guarantee of confidentiality or secrecy with respect to information provided to the parish by means of registration of parishioners.*

7:17 Commission Reports

Parish Family Life – Alan Lynch – Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas is January 28; potluck on January 24 to celebrate. Building skills for a lasting relationship retreat is March 7, 2010. Roman Lynch was appointed to take over the commission last meeting.

Worship and Spiritual Growth – Doug Ulaszek- No meeting in December. Meeting this month to assess communion flow and will discuss youth involvement.

Staff- Don Alexander – One staff meeting in December- Nothing to report.

Board of Education – Ann Gansemer-Topf via Glen Sibbel – The new coordinator of Youth Ministry Services is Megan Sisler. Whole parish catechesis is January 31 and February 3. Wine and Wisdom is April 9.

Campus Ministry – Elise Mullen – No meeting in December. Will go over budget at next meeting and start fundraising soon for the spring break trip.

Finance and Administration – Diane Lyon –February 12 is steward appreciation party- everyone is invited. Received a \$5,000 gift in the last few days to be put towards a special project. Council agreed that the gift should be set aside and

designated towards new fundraising management software for the development office? Total project may be \$15-20,000 for the software, training, ongoing support, etc. The group decided to set the money aside for the future and continue to evaluate the need.

Charity, Justice, Peace – John Klaus – No meeting in December. Talked about the abilities of peacemaking in November and will discuss these opportunities in the future.

7:28 New Business-

All present Parish council members plan to attend the Parish Council/staff retreat on Saturday, January 30. The council was asked to help with Parish Registration.

7:35 President's Report – Fr. Jon Seda – Fr. Seda discussed the shift in committees and commissions and the changes it might present to staffing. Pastoral council will be implemented July 1. The deanery has asked each parish to revisit their mission statement. Fr. Seda would like to have the list of STA's priorities for the next 5-10 years by January 30 and then revisit the church's mission statement. Fr. Seda shared the council's ideas from the last meeting. Those who weren't at the December meeting should submit their three visionary ideas for the parish future at the January 30 retreat. Fr. Seda shared his experiences of his trip to Guatemala.

7:57 Adjournment

Future meeting dates:

February 8: Alan Lynch

March 8: Don Alexander

April 12: Glen Sibbel

May 10: Roman Lynch

June 14: Dave Dirks

July- picnic/no meeting

August 9: Diane Lyon

September 13: Fr. Seda

October 11: Patrick Clem

November 8: Alan Lynch

Respectfully submitted by Bethany Pint