

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council**

**March 8, 2010**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Alan Lynch, Dave Dirks, Fr. Jon Seda, Jerry Peltier, Bill Bergan, Patrick Clem, Don Alexander, Doug Ulaszek, Jessica Rosenhammer, Kimberley Taylor

**Absent:** Ann Gansemer-Topf, Elise Mullen, Roman Lynch, John Klaus, Diane Lyon,

**Visitors:** Glenn Sibbel- representative, board of education, Nora Tobin- Honduras committee, Carl Bern- Honduras committee

**7:00 pm Call to order**

**7:03 pm Prayer – Don Alexander**

**7:05 pm Approval of Agenda – Alan Lynch**

**7:06 pm Approval of December and January Minutes – Alan Lynch**

**7:06 pm Old Business**

The Council discussed the priorities and overall goals for the next 5-10 years that emerged from the Parish Council/Staff Retreat. Fr. Seda would like to see a draft of a working vision. The council submitted a vision statement for the staff to work with: "Growth in our outreach and faith formation and a physical plant that supports that growth. Outreach includes the university, local community and world. Faith formation includes nurturing the faith of all." Fr. Seda would like to see collaboration between the council and the parish staff regarding the vision and goals of the church.

**7:38 pm Commission Reports**

Parish Family Life - No report

Worship and Spiritual Growth- Jessica Rosenhamer- The committee is working through a new workbook that helps to explain the parts of the Mass. The workbook helps the committee reflect on the activities in Mass. The Stewardship Rosary is being said during Lent.

Staff- Don Alexander- Had an in-service to pursue some definition of where we need to be regarding the new restructure.

Board of Education- Glenn Sibbel- The council suggested offering Megan Sisler, coordinator of Youth Ministry Services, a contract.

Campus Ministry - Jerry Peltier- The committee has developed scorecards to determine the committee's most important/best activities.

Finance and Administration- No report

Charity, Justice, Peace - Dave Dirks- Talked about the possibility of developing a twinning relationship with a parish.

### **8:10 pm      New Business**

Parish Council/Pastoral Council/Board of Education Elections- Each council person will e-mail Alan two names of candidates for the Parish Council and Board of Education elections by Sunday, March 14.

The finance committee has written up their constitution, other committees should do the same.

The council approved a letter to Dulce de Nombre Maria, inviting the parishioners to be a "partner in solidarity." Nora Tobin and Carl Bern, members of the Honduras committee, presented the invitation and explained how the partnership would work.

The all-parish meeting is in April.

Staff minutes are not included in the meeting packet, but a staff representative is helpful at the meetings.

### **8:30 pm      President's Report – Fr. Jon Seda**

The council approved Fr. Seda's request to ask the finance committee to budget money for a home for the associate pastor.

Fr. Seda asked that the budget process be done sooner and with more collaboration. Process and timeline should be a part of the committee's focus.

Parish restructure- STA staff is looking at revising commissions. The parish needs to write a new pastoral council constitution. Alan Lynch, Don Alexander and Doug Ulaszek have been appointed to visit and possibly rewrite the council's constitution.

### **8:44 pm      Adjournment**

**Meeting Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Prayer Leader</b>
April 12:	Glenn Sibbel
May 10:	Roman Lynch
June 14:	Dave Dirks
July (pastoral council)- picnic/no meeting	
August 9:	Diane Lyon
September 13:	Fr. Seda
October 11:	Patrick Clem
November 8:	Alan Lynch

Respectfully submitted by Bethany Pint