

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council
Our Lady of Guadalupe Room
December 12, 2011**

7:00 pm Call to order – Jacob Prater

Attendees: Don Muff, Gene Noem, Zach Sobczak, John Stinn, Bill Bergan, Anne Witowski, Jacob Prater, and Katelyn McDermott

Absent: Libby Franke, Tracy Reecey, Fr. Jon, Kevin Sorensen, Mike Krapfl, Alan Lynch, Jeremiah Evans

Prayer – Anne Witowski

Approval of Old Minutes – Jacob Prater

Approval of Agenda (additions of finance update and AMOS) – Jacob Prater

Old Business

Pastoral Council Sunday Night Supper – Any comments for improvements?

- *Next time we need a better handle on the food balance (excess ham)*
- *We would like to expand attendance through more publicity*
- *Considered including a Pastoral Council Annual Report, different time of day, and whether or not it could be a lunch instead of dinner*

New Business

Budgeting money for Pastoral Council Sunday Night Supper

- *We agreed that we'd like to request \$150 for next year's PC Sunday Night Supper to help defray costs*

Finance Update

- Fr. Jon has requested a repeat of last years Christmas bonus
- Barb Cockshoot will be retiring next year (2012)
- Cunneen letters have ended and results have been good
- \$100,000 donation has been made for helping students with financial difficulties
- MAWOD tickets were sold at St Cecilia and we will reciprocate when the Gala is selling tickets

ACTION ITEM: Reflect and pray on Parking Structure Items for discussion at next meeting!

- Parking structure design will go over budget \$150,000 OPTIONS:
 - Approach the original donor for more \$\$\$
 - Cut back on design plans
 - Archdiocesan loan
 - Small campaign (possibly including sound system improvements)

AMOS

They are training volunteers to aid in skill development and finding employment for those seeking jobs. They are also providing individual counseling.

Discussion of Election Process to Pastoral Council

- **Specifically – Discernment Process?**
- We didn't want parishioners to lose their voice (keep the voting process)
- Parish wide nominations to be accepted at a booth in the church (invite nominated people to an information meeting in March)
- Announce the election in February
- Discern in March (have an informational meeting for candidates)
- Informational Meeting: what we do, time commitment, what gifts do you bring?
- Identify our needs... for possibly seeking certain gifts
- Election in April as previously

Adjournment

Meeting Dates:

Date	Prayer Leader
January 9	Alan Lynch
February 13	Mike Krapfl
March 5	Don Muff
April 9	Kevin Sorenson
May 14	John Stinn
June 11	Fr. Jon
July	Picnic
August 13	Tracy Reecy