

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2018

Present: Bill Bergan, Brandon Brockshus, Paula Friederich, Dori Gass, Bob Gelina, Bob Horton, Rod Pierce, Francis Todey

Absent: Ryan Cruise, Kate Hakanson, Diane Lyon, John Moore, Jerry Roche, John Schnoebelen, Fr. Jon Seda

Guests: Hillary Holmes, Joe Leisz, Joe Weyers

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Student Center (STA) Pastoral Council held a regular meeting Monday, June 4. Council Chair Francis Todey called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Dori Gass led a prayer, and Council members shared reflections on the Mission Statement.

Hillary Holmes reported on Impact of Lay Formation. Ms. Holmes serves as the Spirituality Coordinator of CAYAC at STA. Impact is a two year leadership program in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The program is sponsored 1/3 by the parish, 1/3 by the archdiocese, and 1/3 by the individual (Ms. Holmes). This program has granted Ms. Holmes more involvement in music ministry and in the archdiocese as she discerns her path.

Joe Leisz reported on the Catching Souls Campaign. The Campaign has raised \$5,113,192.75 in gifts and pledges. The Campaign has also raised approximately \$700,000 in designated gifts for New Roof, Clerestory Windows, and new endowments supporting High School Youth Ministry, Liturgy and Environment, and Love Your Neighbor funds. The current Supplement Endowment Balance, split among four accounts, is \$3,340,980.

Joe Weyers presented a Faith Formation Commission Proposal. Mr. Weyers proposed restructuring of the FFC to better serve our diverse community. The Pastoral Council provided feedback and engaged Mr. Weyers in discussion on the Faith Formation Commission. The Council expressed support for Mr. Weyers proceeding at his discretion and reporting back to the Council as needed.

Chair Todey opened the floor for Pastoral Council 2018-19 Chair nominations. Councilmember Bob Gelina nominated Francis Todey. Councilmember Bob Horton nominated Bob Gelina. Mr. Gelina declined nomination. Councilmember Rod Pierce moved nominations cease, seconded by Councilmember Dori Gass. Mr. Francis Todey was elected 2018-19 Council Chair by consensus of the Council.

The Financial Report was submitted in writing, not reported.

There was no President's Report.

Chair Todey led discussion on STA as a one priest parish.

The Pastoral Council/STA Staff Social scheduled for July is cancelled.

Chair Todey led a prayer of thanksgiving for Bill Bergan, Bob Horton, and Paula Friedrich's service.

Councilmember Bob Gelina suggests archdiocese training for new Pastoral Council members.

Chair Todey adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Brandon Brockshus

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