

## St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018

Present: Bill Bergan, Brandon Brockshus, Paula Friederich, Bob Gelina, Bob Horton, Diane Lyon, John Moore, Rod Pierce, Jerry Roche, Fr. Jon Seda

Absent: Ryan Cruise, Kate Hakanson, John Schnoebelen, Francis Todey

Guests: Jim and Mary Lohr

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Student Center (STA) Pastoral Council held a regular meeting Monday, May 7. Council Vice-Chair Paula Friedrich called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Brandon Brockshus led a prayer, and Council members shared reflections on the Mission Statement.

Jim and Mary Lohr of the Hymn Board Exploratory Committee presented their findings on the possibility of installing hymn boards in the sanctuary. The Council agreed any options presented would not be funded by the 2018-19 budget and should be reviewed again before the next fiscal year.

The Council discussed the All-Parish meeting. Ms. Friedrich suggested it be held after the 4:45 Saturday Mass in the future. Councilmember Bob Horton expressed appreciation for the potluck and noted lots of focus on campus ministry. Mr. Horton proposed more attention devoted to religious education.

Councilmember Bob Gelina reported on the Election Committee. Mr. Gelina acknowledged the efforts of Bobby LeBlanc and Councilmembers Rod Pierce and Jerry Roche.

A Joint Parish Meeting will be held May 17 at STA. Councilmembers are instructed to bring cookies to share with visiting Pastoral Councilmembers. One topic of discussion will be a Quarterly Area Catholics Potluck.

The STA Staff and Pastoral Council Social will be held Tuesday, July 10, 5:30 pm. Council Secretary Brandon Brockshus will organize the event.

Council Chair elections will take place at the June meeting.

Finance Council Chair John Moore presented the Finance Report. The Pastoral Council discussed the 2018-19 Budget in detail. \$53,515 will be carried from the operating reserve. The Music Coordinator position will be cut. Volunteer Music Leaders will provide leadership for Music Ministry. This budget includes five percent cut from discretionary spending across all STA activities. The Council could not find consensus on the proposed budget. Brandon Brockshus moved to accept the proposed budget and was seconded by Jerry Roche. The motion passed, and the budget was approved with one Councilmember dissenting. Robert Stoker will be the new Finance Council Chair.

There was no President's Report.

The Charismatic Prayer Group will hold a discussion on St. Benedict's writings on Humility May 24.

Vice-Chair Friedrich adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Brandon Brockshus  
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