

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastor Council Meeting Minutes August 7, 2017

The St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Catholic Student Center (STA) Pastoral Council held a regularly scheduled meeting Monday, August 7, 2017.

Council Chair Francis Todey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Council in prayer. Introductions were made as this was the first meeting of a new Council.

The group shared reflections on STA's mission of Gathered, Transformed, and Sent. Finance Council Chair John Moore reported to the Pastoral Council on STA's budget and financial standings.

Chairman Todey opened the floor for nominations to the Executive Committee. He then recommended Paula Friederich considered for Vice Chair. Paula Friederich was elected Vice Chair by consensus of the Council. Brandon Brockshus volunteered consideration for Secretary and was elected by consensus of the Council.

President Father Jon Seda and Chairman Todey reviewed the Council's purpose, constitution, and procedure for adding items to the agenda. Father Seda reported that Eric Evans had been hired for the vacant Campus Ministry position on an eleven month contract. Father Jon also reported STA's four FOCUS missionaries and one spouse had moved in and are currently attending Evangelical Training Camp. These missionaries are funded in part by a parish subsidy including monies from a Lily Grant.

Development Director Joe Leisz reported on the Catching Souls Campaign to further fund the campus ministry Monsignor Supple Endowment. Mr. Leisz and the Council discussed guidelines on showing gratitude to donors. Certain councilmembers raised concerns about honoring individuals based on financial wealth. Other councilmembers recognized expressing additional gratitude for large donations as appropriate. The council deliberated in search of discernment.

Father Seda gave the President's Report. One more student representative will be appointed to the Council. The Knights of Columbus has requested permission to solicit donations from parish members in their campaign to assist the intellectually disabled. The Council approved the request by consensus. Chairman Todey adjourned the meeting at 9:19 pm.

Brandon Brockshus
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