

## **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes August 7, 2018**

**Present:** Rod Pierce, Ronnie Lindeman, Robert Stoker, Brandon Brockshus, Bob Gelina, Francis Todey, Fr. Kyle Digmann

**Guests:** Sue Osweiler, Tom Schmitz, John Moore

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Student Center (STA) Pastoral Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, August 7. Council Chair Francis Todey called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm. Mr. Todey led a prayer, and Council members shared reflections on the Mission Statement.

Chair Todey opened the floor for Pastoral Council 2018-19 Vice Chair and Secretary nominations. Councilmember Rod Pierce nominated Bob Gelina for Vice Chair. Mr. Gelina accepted nomination and was elected Vice Chair by consensus of the Council. Councilmember Brandon Brockshus volunteered service as Secretary and was elected by consensus of the Council.

Tom Schmitz and Sue Ostweiler reported on Stephen Ministry. The Ames Catholic Stephen Ministry serves St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Cecilia, and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes as well as the wider community. Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential Christian care of someone in crisis. Stephen Ministers undergo screening and fifty hours initial training before serving a two year commitment including twice monthly caregiving and monthly continued education. The community currently has more need than ministers. Mr. Schmitz and Ms. Ostweiler request prayers to support the ministry and referrals to care receivers.

Mr. Todey opened discussion on meeting dates. The Council discussed the topic and decided on the second Tuesday of each month by consensus.

Mr. Todey opened discussion on rescheduling the STA Staff/Pastoral Council Social. Mr. Todey will dialogue with STA Staff on potential dates the first week of October or third week of December.

Mr. Todey reported on Council meeting agendas. The President and Chair form the agenda one week ahead of each meeting. They are open to suggestions for items on each agenda.

Finance Council Chair Robert Stoker presented the Financial Report.

Father Kyle Digmann presented the President's Report. Ownership of the parish is shared among leadership and parishioners. Father Kyle invited Councilmembers to think outside the box but inside the circle. Father Kyle invited Councilmembers to offer ideas and make mistakes.

Chair Todey adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Brandon Brockshus  
Pastoral Council Secretary  
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