

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

September 9th, 2008 7:00pm Parish Conference Room

1) ATTENDANCE

Present

Members:

Fr. Rafael	Lory Charnetsky
Brad Keogh	Jerry Briner
Nathan Cottrell	Grizelle Apodaca
Steve Stephens	Jahn Trombley (president)
Uzziel Gesmundo	Helen Morton
Cynthia Scheller	

2) OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Rafael – opening prayer

3) APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

Discussed – not everyone had -access to the previous meeting minutes.

Approval of minutes from the 08-23-08 meeting postponed till the next meeting.

Jahn requested a copy of the parish council bylaws from Fr. Kieran.

4) PARISH THEME

- Volunteers for the 4 general areas of the Parish Theme
 - Lori has completed the poster, and it will be distributed at this Sunday's mass.
 - Grizelle is organizing the theme, to present to the church staff.
 - Chad said that the Year of the Family will be “kicked off” on Sept. 21.
- St. Helens mission has a good family oriented program. They may be a good group to bring here for presentations/ideas. Fr. Rafael will look into it.

5) POT LUCK

- This subject was tabled since Ed was not in attendance.

6) PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

- Jahn suggested that we solicit an audit of the current parish strategic plan. Jerry will look into it.

7) PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

- Lori and Grizelle are looking into it.
 - What do we hope to accomplish
 - Who will it be benefitting / targeting
- Group discussion over what the parish council's role in the statement should be.
 - Fr. Rafael and Chad suggested taking some form of a poll / survey of parishioners to determine what direction the statement could take
 - Grizelle suggested that the council should decide the direction since we are the advisors.
 - A vote was taken, and by 6-4 count, the council agreed with Grizelle. Everyone will be sending their ideas to her to formulate a framework for the statement.

8) DAD'S GROUP

- Tabled until Deacon Milford directs otherwise.

9) OPEN ITEMS

- Brad brought up the prayer cards for the Holy Family. They will be ready for the Sept. 21st kickoff of the Year of the Holy Family.
 - He also brought up the idea of saying a parish related prayer regarding St. Thomas Aquinas at the end of every mass.
- Brad brought up the idea of ensuring that Fr. Kieran is notified when any "large" donation is made so that he can personally send a thank you card. He also discussed the idea of a list of names of those families who make those large donations. This could lead to a thank-you dinner or similar event.

10) SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be October 14th. 7:00 pm, Parish Conference Room.

11) CLOSING PRAYER

Jerry Briner offered the closing prayer.

Adjournment.