

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Council

MEETING MINUTES January 13th, 2009

1) ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Members:

Fr. Kieran	Helen Morton
Steve Stevens	Jerry Briner
Brad Keogh	Grizelle Apodaca
Lory Charnetsky	Jahn Trombley
Cynthia Scheller	
Ed Lavin	

Guest:

Pat Lavin: Catholic Tuition Organization (CTDOP)

2) OPENING PRAYER:

Fr. Kieran offered the opening prayer.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the 12/13/08 meeting approved unanimously.

4) CATHOLIC TUITION ORGANIZATION:

Pat Lavin of CTDOP provided information on the Individual Tax Credit (ITC) and Corporate Tax Credit (CTC) programs and encouraged the Parish Council members to promote the program with "C Corporations". Pat provided lists of corporations on in the West Valley that should be approached to participate in the CTC, naming STACC Elementary School as beneficiary. He also presented Fr. Kieran with an incentive check for \$1,000 to be disbursed to STACC Elementary School families for tuition assistance.

5) UPDATE ON YEAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

A new date for the Parish Picnic was set: Sunday 2/22/09 (the Sunday before Lent).

6) PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Lory Charnetsky and Grizelle Apodaca presented a draft Parish Mission Statement for review and discussion. Several suggestions were made that would strengthen the statement and outline the vision we have for STACC. Parish Council members were asked to email suggested language to Grizelle or Lory who were asked to present a modified draft statement at the February meeting.

7) PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN:

Jerry Briner provided tentative dates for an audit meeting with Cary Meron of the Diocese to review the status of the STACC Strategic Plan. The meeting was set for February 17th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.- food to be provided.

8) POTLUCK UPDATE:

The next potluck, “Snowbird”, will take place on Sunday January 18, 2009.

9) AMENDMENT TO PARISH CONSTITUTION:

This discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

10) PARISH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE POSTING BOARD:

Steve Stephens has nearly completed the construction of the board and was looking for suggested language for the two components of the board. Parish Council members agreed on the following: “Looking for Work” /“Looking for Workers”. Steve will complete the board, Jahn will go to see the board and take it to Fr. Kieran for final approval.

11) RECOGNITION FOR DONORS AND VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES:

Brad Keogh presented a proposal on the recognition for donors and Volunteer/Ministries with the following 2 suggestions:

- a. ***Thank you note/card from Fr. Kieran for donations of \$100 - \$500:*** Fr. Kieran stated that the law requires recognition of donations of \$250 or more and must contain specific language provided in the IRS regulations. Those letters are usually sent out in January.
- b. ***Annual donor appreciation dinner at the rectory for donations of \$10,000 - \$25,000:*** Fr. Kieran believes this is part of a bigger picture. He is putting together a presentation to share the vision for the elementary school, the high school, and the university. This will require the creation of a Development Program that will include the “cultivation” of major donors. He will be asking 1 or 2 members from the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and the school to participate in a Development Committee. Brad Keogh and Grizelle Apodaca volunteered to be on the Development Committee.

12) MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE MINUTES:

This discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

13) SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Council Room.

14) CLOSING PRAYER:

The closing prayer was offered by Brad Keogh.

15) ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.