

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2007, 7:00pm Parish Conference Room

1) ATTENDANCE

Present

Members:

Fr. Kieran Kleczewski

Lory Charnetsky

Jerry Briner (president)

Ed Lavin

Jojo Concepcion

Nathan Cottrell

Helen Morton

Caren Bailey

2) OPENING PRAYER

Fr Kieran – opening prayer

3) APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

Jerry opened meeting

4) SCHEDULED DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Discussion of “Year of The Eucharist”

- Fr. Kieran brought up the four focus points

1. Sending out on Mission - This was discussed at the parish staff meeting with some ideas brought up:

a. Adopt Fr. Rafael’s parish in the Philippines

The RE program kids can write letters to the other kids

Possibly put an extra envelope in the pews at church for additional gifts for the other parish.

The RE program kids can use the “rice bowl” funds to give to the other parish.

b. Christmas programs – wrapping presents, giving toys/food, etc.

2. Praise and adoration

- a. The “XLT” program will be adding adoration for teens – once a month.
- b. Have a party/picnic after mass for the Feast of St. Thomas (Sat. Jan 26th). This may have to be shifted to Sunday morning to avoid the Parish Ball which is also on the 26th.

3. Fellowship

- a. The parish council will start organizing the regional dinners. Ed will start the groundwork. Setup the dinners for monthly starting in November.
- b. Other ideas include:
 - i. Parish picnics
 - ii. Teaching masses
 - iii. Finish up the tabernacle/adoration windows

4. To deepen the understanding of the Eucharist

This wasn't specifically discussed at the meeting.

b) Parish camp opportunity in Prescott

- It was discussed to make the camp one of the parish missions. There was some concern over the amount of work required, and whether the various ministries have the physical ability to do the work.
- Possible groups to be major contributors to the work:
 1. Men's club
 2. Wildcats group
 3. Military groups
- The work that needs to be done should be organized and broken down into smaller pieces so each group can assume responsibility for it.
- The council should organize this and have it ready prior to the Meeting of Ministries in November. A power point show and breakdown of work that needs to be done should be ready for that November meeting.

5) OTHER ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS

a) New members

- Jerry will put an advertisement for new members into the bulletin. The council to consider those at the October meeting.
- Ed suggested Major Kieran Kelty as a new member

b) Furniture for the foyer and courtyard

- Fr. Kieran said he has found some concrete tables for the courtyard, similar to those at the old church, but larger.

6) SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th, 2007. 7:00pm. Parish Conference Room.

7) CLOSING PRAYER

Jojo offered the closing prayer.

Adjournment.