

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2008 7:00pm Parish Conference Room

### 1) ATTENDANCE

#### **Present**

Members:

Fr. Kieran	Lory Charnetsky
Mjr. Kieran Kealty	Jerry Briner (president)
Nathan Cottrell	Maria Herrera-Bill
Steve Stephens	Jahn Trombley
Karen Bailey (left after item #5)	

### 2) OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Kieran – opening prayer

### 3) APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

Motion to approve by Jahn, Seconded by Steve.

Approved unanimously

### 4) ACQUISITION OF AUXILIARY BUILDING UNITS FOR SCHOOL AND MEETING SPACE

- Fr. Kieran stated that the parish is looking for additional office space. It will be 2-3 years before the parish finances will allow new construction, therefore the option of modular buildings is being explored. The specifics are:
  - Currently the school offices are working out of the kindergarten room.
  - Could be up to 5 years before new permanent space is available
  - There is a need for two new classrooms (for a library and art/music room) and 1500 sq.ft. of office space
  - The modular buildings are about \$100/sq.ft. new – plus \$50/sq.ft. for full configuration, setup, etc.
  - They could be located at the north end of the arcade at the end of the wrought iron fence
  - There will need to be additional site work, gates, etc.

- They would allow beneficial reconfiguration of the gift shop, conference rooms, life teen spaces, etc.
- All utilities and services are in place for the buildings
- Avondale has been contacted and is OK with them as a temporary condition
- Vote taken by the council
  - Unanimously voted YES to proceed

#### 5) SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION

- Karen informed the council of two nominees for the school board member on the council
  - Brad Keogh
  - Mary Haluska
- Everyone had a chance to review their resumes and letters.
- One additional parent will be nominated directly by Fr. Kieran
- After brief discussion, Mary Haluska was nominated by Lory and seconded by Nate.
- No official vote was taken.

#### 6) 2008 2009 PARISH LITURGICAL THEME DISCUSSION

- Fr. Kieran indicated that the official theme will be “The Holy Family”. It will extend from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> ’08 thru May ’09.
- Some concepts for activities include:
  - Mom’s Group – trying to put some events together for young fathers
  - Set an August 22<sup>nd</sup> parish council meeting in Prescott to discuss further events
  - We will need additional speakers for discussions/lectures on: parenting, bible study, etc.

#### 7) MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- Feature presentation was by the Mom’s club. It went well, there was an extensive list of activities discussed. General discussion points included:
  - Roundtables of parishioners – discussing expectations of volunteers
  - Average length of stay for parishioners – 3.5 years
  - It’s difficult to keep the volunteers – there is a lack of a sense of place/community
  - Should group additional ministries together – maybe more pot lucks
  - New volunteers – there should be more contact from the heads of ministries
  - Possibly have a separate Ministry Coordinator – outside of the ministries themselves
    - Jahn is volunteering to take charge of this
  - What is the status of the parishioner envelopes? – census? Or money tracking?

- The overall ministry calendar of events should be removed since it is inaccurate anyway
- Possibly setup an interactive appointment website?
- The council should focus more on hospitality (but no Sunday greeters)

8) NEW APPOINTMENTS TO PARISH COUNCIL

- Mjr. Kealty will be recommending a new member from the base
- Two other people are need to fill in open slots.

9) NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR NEW OFFICERS

- Jahn and Steve will head a nominating committee to organize nominations for President and Secretary. To bring the nominations to the August meeting.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

- Many thanks to Mjr. Kealty for his service to the council. This is his last meeting.

11) SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting was not set. It will be discussed at the August retreat in Prescott.

12) CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Kieran offered the closing prayer.

Adjournment.