

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
94 North Lincoln Street, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2016

Members present: Bev Dippel, Kerry Gigot, Chris Holzmann, Mary Jo Jetzer, Lynn Kulow, Linda Leibham, Ron Nielsen, Ron (Red) Platz, and Father Phil Reifenberg

Absent: Matt O'Connor

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Kerry Gigot.

Prayerful Opening: The meeting began with a prayer by Father Phil.

Review / Approval of Minutes from June Meeting: Meeting minutes from June 7, 2016 were reviewed. Bev Dippel made a motion to approve the minutes and Lynn Kulow seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the deletion of one sentence. The minutes were accepted as amended. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Not much new to report. Quarterly investment reports were reviewed; accounts are doing as well as can be expected, given the current markets. The parking lot project is done. A couple from Sheboygan Falls would like to cover the cost of replacing the head stones at the North Cemetery. The records need to be checked first. An estimate is needed before moving forward. The preliminary June financials indicate a surplus of \$23,000.

Building & Grounds: Chris reported that we are waiting for an estimate from Lisa Gross for proposed work at the parking lot entrance.

Christian Formation: Chris reported that Lisa Gross has sent (mailed) information regarding registration for Faith Formation classes. Father Phil will offer time for confessions for these students; date and time to be determined.

Compassionate Hearts/Human Concerns: Kerry reported the June meeting was cancelled.

Evangelization: Father Dan is planning on having a retreat at St. Fridolin's.

Pastor's Report: A "nominal pastor" will be assigned to both STA and SJB parishes through the end of October. (Father John Schreiter will be here through the first weekend in October.)

A rotational schedule of Archdiocesan priests providing sacramental needs October through December will include: Fr. Richard Fleischman, Fr. Thomas Lijewski, Fr. Philip Reifenberg, and Fr. Dennis Van Beek. Fr. Phil will also be available for Confession.

Christian Women: Chris reported the leaders will meet prior to the tentative September meeting.

Young At Heart: The bus is full for the December 1st trip to Coloma to see the Clauson Family Christmas musical show.

Old Business:

S.W.O.T. meeting: Ron Nielsen announced that the first S.W.O.T. meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 15th, starting at 6:00 PM in the rectory. Members should plan to meet for 1-1/2 – 2 hours.

5th Sunday Collection Ideas: Numerous suggestions were shared (St. Vincent de Paul for school supplies; Safe Harbor; Elkhart Lake First Responders for new defibrillators). Members were asked to email any additional ideas to Chris so she can create a list for continued discussion. The next 5th Sunday is in October.

Pope Francis Book: St. Vincent de Paul Council members met recently to consider financial support to purchase copies of this book for distribution to families of both parishes at Christmas. Jeanne Sager from St. John the Baptist also attended the meeting.

New Business:

Welcome New Members: Ron mentioned that Matt O'Connor accepted the nomination to join the STA pastoral council. Ron mentioned that he does extensive traveling for his job, but will be an active member of the council.

Policy for St. Fridolin's Weddings: This topic was tabled for a later time.

Father Dan's Farewell: Father Dan Volkert has accepted a short-term position at St. William's Parish in Waukesha that will likely continue through Spring 2017. He is moving out of the pastor's house next week Friday and relocating. Father Dan will officiate at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, September 17th at STA. A celebration of appreciation will follow the Mass in the church basement.

Other Business:

- More greeters are needed; a sign-up sheet is available in the Sacristy.
- Discussion ensued regarding the status of both parishes.

Thank You Acknowledgements: Linda suggested thank you notes be sent to those who delivered flowers to Cedar Landing residents on July 4th: Ceil Petrie, Kathy Hanke, and Diane Cudworth.

A motion was made by Ron Nielsen and 2nd by Father to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, October 11, 2016** at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Jetzer