

St. Thomas Aquinas Board of Education
August 12, 2008
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and began with prayer.

Members present: Shannon Schroeder, Jennifer Klein, Frank Montabon, Mary Mahoney, Ann Gansemer-Topf and Kathy White

Members absent: Dave Wagner, Chris Brubaker, Vanessa Pawlovich, and Fr. Ev Hemann

Goals for next year were shared for Roll Call ideas included (italicized items will be included in the final goals):

- ~ *Build the Youth Ministry program and increase MS and HS participation program*
- ~ *Increase the age range of people **attending** Wisdom and Wine*
- ~ Youth room
- ~ *Enhance communication between catechists and parents*
- ~ *Parking lot issues*
- ~ *Fine tune prayer listener program*
- ~ *Encourage continued development and implementation of joint learning education activities that involve our children, our students, and our resident parishioners to promote faith development and fellowship.*

The July meeting minutes were approved.

The August agenda was approved.

Reports:

1. Parish Council:

- Items discussed:
 - The parish wish list was discussed. This included the youth room. The Board then discussed their ideas/concerns of the youth room. Using part of the large storage room was originally proposed, but the staff proposed using the north end of the Lower Lounge instead. The Board feels there would be too many problems with that, including: the number of times the furniture would have to be moved when the Lower Lounge is in use; if it is a youth room the youth should not have to plan around activities in the LL; there would not be enough room for coffee and donuts/baptism breakfasts. In general, the Board agreed that using the LL for a youth room is unacceptable and part of the storage room should be used. Frank volunteered to present this to the staff at their next meeting.

2. DRE:

- VBS re-cap – 76 students and more than 70 volunteers. More than \$1000 was raised for the SILO project. Next year will be a rainforest theme.
- Wisdom & Wine: Bishop Charon was invited but is booked until Fall 2009. Sr. Anne Clifford will be invited for this fall.

- Whole Parish Catechesis – October 19 & 22 on The Mass. Fr Ev will be involved in presenting.
- Sunday Morning parent sessions – First one is September 21.
 - Linda Maternach will present in January on the Stages of Faith Development.
- DIOCORE retreat – catechist retreats will be held in 2 locations including one at STA. Madrid and Boone have also been invited.
- Organization for the year –
 - Kathy will be working with a student on the webpage
 - She will have 2 interns – one each semester. Next year, the funding for the interns needs to be found in the budget.
- Other-
 - The job descriptions of the Youth Minister and DRE were provided to the Board
 - Kathy shared how the DRE and YM positions are organized at other parishes. A discussion of the YM position will be discussed next month.

3. YM:

- CLI – 4 girls and Vanessa attended – Vanessa would like the participants to report on their experience
- Rapid Relief Teen Workcamp – Vanessa and 2 girls are at the workcamp and will report when they return
- YM teams will meet next week – currently there are 12 youth and 2 adults for the HS team and 4 adults for the MS team, they are also hoping for some college students.
- Students will be planning the opening Mass for RE – there is a planning meeting Sunday August 17. The theme of the Mass will be the Holy Spirit.

Unfinished Business:

- The Board was reminded of the 20 student limit for classes on Sunday mornings.

New Business:

- The Board members were asked to update their contact information for the Board roster.
- Members signed up to help with RE registration after Masses August 23 & 24 and the Ministries Fair September 6&7. Kathy will send out the list.
- Board member attendance policy of 2 unexcused absences was discussed. This will be discussed as old business at the next meeting.

Inservice: Postponed until September meeting. The next meeting will start with the inservice.

The meeting concluded with prayer and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.