

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
March 2, 2021**

Those Present: Grace DeMoss, Cathy Bickel, Sharon Mason, Rocky Marsh, Tim Nation, Noah DeMoss, Sharon Sperry, Karen Momper, Matt Hayes, Karla Hudacek, Fr. Varghese, Jackson Herrera, Chris Collins

Those Absent: Shanna Martin, Megan Bloede

Agenda:

- Prayer and Pastor remarks- Fr. V.
 - Motion to approve minutes by Sharon Sperry; seconded by Karen Mompe; passed by the parish
 - We are seeing more people coming to Mass and the sacraments (likely due to the vaccine)
 - Reinstating the 8:00 Mass on Sunday starting 3/7 to try to accommodate more people as our attendance increases
 - A sense of renewed happiness and hope in the parish
- President remarks- Cathy
 - Election Updates:
 - Bulletin notice has been written
 - 2 weekends to promote parish council opening to all Masses
 - Will be using Survey Monkey, as well as sending out paper ballots to people who would prefer that method, for voting; people will pick the ballots up from homes
 - Pillar Updates and Clarification
 - Appointed in the same year, which provides some issues regarding roll-offs
 - It would be helpful to stagger the rotation off, which then sets us up for more consistent veteran-ship in the future.
 - Proposed formula for roll-off
 - (Community Engagement) Rocky Marsh rotates off in 2021
 - (Stewardship) Chris Collins
 - (Dialogue, Truth, and Faith) Tim Nation
 - (Spiritual Growth) Sharon Sperry
- Considerations for next meeting
 - Increasing the racial diversity and inclusion in the parish
 - COVID-19's impact on our parish, our lives, and our understanding of our values
 - Considering new ways of getting people onto Parish Council
 - Looking at our constitution and have it set by a year from now
 - Communication with the parish needs to improve once we are back at meeting face-to-face
 - How can we adapt this for socially distanced times?
- Parish updates- Fr. V.; Karla
 - Parish council was updated on a complaint lodged with the DEI
 - Fr. V. met with Mrs. V. to address the situation
- Closing Prayer: Cathy Bickel

Next Meeting at 7:00 pm on April 6, 2021