

St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis
Parish Council Meeting October 1, 2024
Draft Minutes

- Opening Prayer – Karla Hudecek
- Roll Call
 - Present (in-person): Karla Hudecek, Teresa Reynolds, Fred Chandler, Geoff Ziegler, Patrick Price, Evelyn Ridley-Turner, Mary Rice, Sheila Brown, Matt Hayes, Jessica Reckamp
 - Present (virtual/Zoom): Nancy Stark
 - Absent: Jim Trippi, John Sobotowski, Chris Durnil, Rachel Hudson, Mary Catharine Grau, Fr. Varghese
- Approval of minutes from August 2024 meeting
 - Matt Hayes moved to approve the minutes from August; Sheila Brown seconded it.
 - Approved by consensus.
- Comments from pastor via Patrick Price (as Fr. Varghese is absent):
 - Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant
 - Matt Hayes provided additional context of the grant, as it pertains to Fr. Varghese's involvement.
 - Rosary Week begins the week of October 20 (aligns with Fr. Varghese's return)
 - Desire is to open homes for nightly participation during this week.
- Comments from pastoral associate (Karla Hudecek):
 - RCIA class to begin preparation tomorrow night – currently 3 individuals signed up.
 - Confirmation class this year is very active, good numbers.
 - RE numbers are also very strong.
- Introduction of new and returning members (Patrick Price)
- Task Force conversations
 - Spiritual Growth (Matt Hayes/Mary Rice):
 - Matt Hayes confirmed Spiritual Growth Report was shared.
 - Mary Rice provided an in-person Liturgy Committee update
 - Possible sick list changes
 - Music update (vocal/handbell choirs)
 - Advent Penance services – North Deanery – 12/15-12/17
 - 2025 Lenten Mission efforts underway (Fred to also participate)
 - Still looking for more Eucharistic Ministers
 - Stewardship (Geoff Ziegler):
 - Please purchase Gala tickets!
 - STA Ministry Fair – confirmed to do it again
 - Date? – tie it to the beginning of Lent – first weekend of March; Karla to follow-up on this date.
 - Ministry Minute idea floated.
 - Community Engagement: No update.
 - STA School: No update.
 - Dialogue, Truth, Faith (Jim Trippi notes shared via Patrick)
 - Stories of St. Thomas rekindled
 - Patrick Price spoke in September
 - Working on proper archiving of the stories

- Also working to identify future parishioners to speak
- STA Speaker Series
 - Cardinal Tobin declined Fall 2025 visit; PC discussed possible 2026 visit.
 - ND Indy Club / ND Hesburgh Outreach Program as a possibility
 - Jim Liston (former parishioner – CBE founder) may have ideas
- Buildings and Grounds (Jessica Reckamp)
 - Provided update on the parish building plan to new members of the PC
 - Will bring benefit to both parish and school
 - Feasibility study ongoing
 - Case study to be provided to the current PC membership
- Finance Committee: No update.
- Additional Items of Interest:
 - Gala Fund-A-Need discussion
 - Resolution recommended (Matt Hayes) that Fund-A-Need to be the seed money for the STA speaker series as it ties to the areas of Dialogue, Truth & Faith, Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement as core visions of the Parish; Fred Chandler seconded the resolution. Approved via consensus.
 - Identify/investigate marketing opportunities to tie back to St. Thomas Aquinas (the person).
- Future Meetings: 7-8:30 pm (unless otherwise noted):
 - December 3
 - February 4
 - April 1
 - June 3
- Ending Prayer – Mary Rice