

St Thomas More University Parish
Draft – Parish Council Minutes of October 5th, 2006

Members Present: Father Ackerman Kelly McElhane y Absent: Mark Krittenbrink
Sims Beeler Julia Irwin Becky Fleming
Casey Partridge Stephanie Motz Jerry Woffard
Earl Whitman Charlie Kenney

Meeting Called to Order by President Charlie Kenney at 7:10pm
September Meeting Minutes: Approved with one minor correction.

Pastor's Report – Father Ackerman

1. Two students have been selected for the Council: Stephanie Motz and Jerry Woffard.
2. He is pleased with the results of the Stewardship program as a number of parishioners were signed up for ministries and committees.
3. A number of repairs are needed for door hardware. The NE slope of the roof is in need of sanding and rust proofing.
4. The interior of the Church will be repainted next summer.
5. The Security and key distribution procedures will be reviewed and revised as appropriate.
6. Handicap parking and access will also be reviewed.
7. Both Direct deposit and Credit Card payment options are available for the collection process.
8. The Collection process on the first Sunday of the month will be modified to provide for parishioners to come forward to place their contributions in the collection baskets.
9. Action will be taken to begin the process to publish a new Parish Photo Directory.

Finance Committee Report –No Report

Property Board – No Report

Campus Ministry – Stephanie Motz

1. Stephanie presented a comprehensive and detailed report on Campus Ministry activities and plans covering nine different topics. This report is incorporated into these minutes by reference..

Old Business

1. Dr Julia Irwin was elected as Vice President of the Council.

New Business

1. Sims Beeler will take action to form a Newcomers Committee to welcome new parishioners.
2. As part of the Bereavement process Julia Irwin will develop a guideline for contacting the surviving families of parishioners who have passed away.
3. A discussion was held concerning the opportunities for students to assist the Parish with communications, the Parish Web Site, and a Parish Email Directory.
4. A bulletin board will be established to identify the Parish Council members in order to improve communications with Parishioners. A Suggestion Box for Parishioners will also be provided.
5. The Parish Council will serve the December 3rd Sunday Student meal with Father Ackerman acting as the Executive Chef.

Adjournment – 8:15pm Next Meeting – November 2nd at 7pm.

Submitted By: Earl Whitman, Secretary