

**St Thomas More University Parish**  
**Draft – Parish Council Minutes of December 7th, 2006**

Members Present: Father Ackerman

Sims Beeler      Julia Irwin  
Jerry Woffard    Becky Fleming  
Earl Whitman    Charlie Kenney  
Kelly McElhaney Casey Patridge

Absent:      Mark Krittenbrink  
Stephanie Motz

Meeting Called to Order by President Charlie Kenney at 8:25 pm

November Meeting Minutes: Approved

**Pastor's Report – Father Ackerman**

1. A small group consisting of Finance Committee and Parish Council representatives will be formed to address the Parish financial issues and report to the Parish the current financial status as well as the parishioner stewardship actions which must be taken to improve the situation and enable the Parish to meet all of its past, current and future obligations.
2. He was pleased to report that there were 87 new contributors from STM to the ADF which allowed the Parish to exceed its goal.
3. Father Ackerman is also concerned about the status of the Property Board. A new Chair must be appointed as well as the addition of new members with facility or technical backgrounds in order for the Property Board to address the many repair and maintenance issues. The Church building is over 25 years old so security, maintenance and renovation will be continuing issues.
4. He also indicated there were some maintenance issues at the Sixplex Apartments, and a review was needed to address them as well as the appointment of a new Property Manager. As the owner of the property the Parish must designate an individual to supervise and coordinate required actions with the new Property Manager.
5. Father Ackerman also commended the hard work and dedication of the Parish staff and that he has approved a Christmas bonus for them.
6. He again expressed concern that long time senior members need help on some of the committees.

**Finance Committee Report – Becky Fleming**

The financial reports for the period ending November 30<sup>th</sup> were distributed. The revenues and expenses are tracking the annual budget to date with the exception of the General Operating Revenues which are lagging as has been reported in the weekly Bulletins.

**Campus Ministry – Jerry Woffard**

Jerry reported that the students will review the communications, public relations, web site, and the establishment of a Parish Email process in order to seek some improvements. These will be looked at after final exams and the semester break.

**Old Business**

1. Sims Beeler reported that the Newcomers Committee is making progress with the establishment of their procedures.
2. Photos have been taken for a Parish Council information display. The Suggestion Box has been provided and will be placed on the large table in the Atrium.
3. Julia Irwin will work on the New Stove project.
4. Kelly McElhaney indicated that the Knights of Columbus will fund the repairs to the water cooler.
5. If a Women's Club is to be formed then it must be done on the initiative of the Women in the Parish. Any woman or women interested in leading this effort should conduct a survey to determine the level of interest.

**Adjournment:** 9:30pm. Next meeting – January 4, 2007 7:00pm

**Submitted By:** Earl Whitman, Secretary