

St Thomas More University Parish
Draft – Parish Council Minutes of February 1st, 2007

Members Present: Father Ackerman
Sims Beeler
Stephanie Motz
Earl Whitman
Kelly McElhaney

Becky Fleming
Charlie Kenney
Casey Partridge

Absent: Julia Irwin

Meeting Called to Order by President Charlie Kenney at 7:05 pm
January Meeting Minutes: Approved

Pastor's Report – Father Ackerman

1. Badly needed Insulation is being installed in the Rectory at a cost of \$2300. The resultant savings to heat and cool the Rectory will help pay back this cost.
2. Other Property Board items include work on the kitchen, repairing both the outside and inside grout, and painting the inside of the church. This work will be accomplished this summer.
3. A speaker for the fall Red Mass is has been selected.
4. A Campus Ministry Advisory Council will be formed for the purpose of planning and funding a new Student and Parish Community Center.
5. Father Ackerman has a new Email address for Parish matters.
6. Deacon Larry Rossow will return to St Thomas More in the fall.

Finance Committee Report – Becky Fleming

1. The year to date Financial Reports were presented and indicated that the Parish is making good progress in addressing a number of financial issues. The current year Archdiocese and ACSC assessments will be paid. Past indebtedness to both will be reviewed and validated prior to any negotiation with regard to payments.
2. The SixPlex units are being managed by one of the tenants in return for a partial rent payment.

Campus Ministry – Stephanie Motz

1. An advertising student intern will help with publicizing the Parish and Campus Ministry programs.
2. A Parish Email Directory was discussed. About 80% of the parishioners use Email and this would facilitate communications and reduce mailing costs..

Old Business

1. The Parish Council Information Board is in the process of completion.
2. A new stove for the kitchen will be ordered.
3. The Parish Committees will be reviewed and assistance with their staffing needs will be provided.

New Business

1. A Parish Council Retreat/Study session will be scheduled for May to consider Parish Council organization and plan future actions..
2. Sims Beeler and Casey Partridge will review the Suggestion Box submissions and recap them for Father Ackerman who will comment on the more substantive suggestions in the Bulletin. The Council is very appreciative of the time Parishioners have taken to submit suggestions.
3. A list of favorite hymns will be presented for increased play in response to Parishioner suggestions.
4. There will be an April election for two PC members to replace Kelly McElhaney and Becky Fleming.
5. The Parish Council will cook for the Student Sunday supper on March 11, 2007.

Adjournment: 8:45pm. Next meeting – March 1st, 2007 7:00pm **Submitted By:** Earl Whitman, Sec.