

**St Thomas More University Parish**  
**Draft – Parish Council Minutes of September 6, 2007**

Members Present: Father Ackerman    Sims Beeler    Absent: Mark Krittenbrink  
Earl Whitman    Casey Partridge    R.C. Davis  
Charlie Kenney    Philip Smith  
Julia Irwin    Will Banosky

Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Charlie Kenney at 7:05 pm followed by Gospel reflections.

Welcome to Philip Smith and Will Banosky, our two new student members. A new student member will also join the PC when the current election process is completed

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes: Approved

**Pastor's Report – Father Ackerman**

1. Father A. provided an update of the Roof Repair Project and the subsequent window leaks which will be fixed by new glazing. He also discussed a number of issues relating to the need for a Liturgy Committee mtg; security of the collections process; lateness of parishioners coming to Mass and that about \$90,000 has been spent to date on the scheduled repair projects.
2. Father A. said he was holding some mtgs with individual parishioners to get feedback on whatever concerns they might have. Some were concerned with the cost of the Gala. He also said that All Saints Catholic School was delighted with the effort that STM was making to get up to date with past indebtedness. He has asked the Graduate Students group to plan a Parish Mardi Gras party.

**Committee Reports**

1. **Stewardship.** The weekend of Sep 15/16 will have announcements by Father Ackerman from the pulpit as well as a Bulletin Insert. The weekend of Sep 22/23 will have the Stewardship sign up forms for all of the Parish committees, ministries, and groups as well the availability of current committee members at information tables in the Atrium. The weekend of Sep 29/30 will cover the Treasure part of the Stewardship process. There are a host of tasks which must be completed and these are set forth in an attachment hereto.
2. **Campus Ministry.** With two new student members of the PC and a 3<sup>rd</sup> soon to be added the coordination and communications with Campus Ministry will be facilitated.
3. **Liturgy.** Father indicated that he will schedule a mtg for the Liturgy Committee.
4. **Communications.** It was decided to establish a Communications Committee as a part of the Stewardship process. The student Web Site is up and running and a Parish wide Web Site is in the process of development. Newspaper contacts and publicity will also improve.

**New Business**

1. The Town Meeting response was very favorable with the vast majority of Capital Campaign donors agreeing to release their funds for the current repair program. Notwithstanding this release, the Parish will make every effort to increase the Capital funds as the budget allows.
2. A new Building Committee will be formed during the coming year.
3. Three video camera monitors have been installed to improve security

**Next Meeting.** October 6<sup>th</sup> Scheduled absence: Earl. Committee Reports: Finance (Charlie and RC) and Property (Mark and Sims)

**Adjournment: 8:45 pm. Submitted By:** Earl Whitman, .

