

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

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

Finance Committee Reps: Chair Becky Fleming, Frank Friedhoff, David Pickens

Meeting Called to order by Chair Charlie Kenney at 7:05 pm followed by Gospel reflections.

November 8th Meeting Minutes: Approved

Pastor's Report – Father Ackerman

1. Father A. comments would be made during the discussion on Property Board/Finance Committee/Parish Council Interfaces on contract projects.

Old Business

1. **Stewardship Treasure** An extended discussion was held on the reasons for our lack of success in motivating parishioners to increase their weekly collection contributions by a small amount in order to help eliminate the average weekly Budget Revenue deficit of about \$1000. It was agreed that we needed to try again and explain the need on a repeated basis and use some visuals to apprise the parishioners of our progress toward this important goal. The Advent season and the upcoming New Year present opportune times for doing this appeal. .
2. **Improving Our Welcoming Process.** It was agreed that we should make an effort to improve our welcoming process before and after Mass.

New Business

1. **Coordination of Project Planning, Financing and Execution.** An extended discussion was held on this subject using the ongoing Kitchen Renovation as an example. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting in early January to address and resolve the issues. A further discussion was held on the lack of a staff member who could handle the business aspects of Parish operations in order to assist Father A. with monitoring these projects plus the many other issues in coordinating a staff of six employees each with a different function.
2. **Appointment of New Parish Council Secretary.** Casey Partridge was appointed. He is to be congratulated on running a very professional campaign.

Committee Reports

Liturgy – A Liturgy Committee mtg will held December 13th at 7pm.

Campus Ministry – Nothing eventful to Report

Communications - A report was presented on the improvements in the STM Web Site and the need to publicize and promote it to Parishioners. The Site can be an excellent communications tool and as more parishioners use it more functions and links can be added. The current Web Master is leaving and there is an arrangement for a replacement.

Adjournment 8:45 pm

Next Meeting – Jan 3rd 2008. Committee Reports – Property and Social Action