St Thomas More University Parish
Draft – Parish Council Minutes of February 5, 2008

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Kenney followed by Gospel reflections.

January 3rd meeting minutes noted that they will be sent out by Charlie Kenney on 2/6/08.

Pastor's Report

1. Chili Bingo made a profit of $3200 which was an increase from last year. New ways of expanding Chili Bingo are being looked at due to the high demand and how quickly the chili ran out. There was no water on the floor anywhere in the church after the rain and high wind which is a great sign. Deacon John and Father Ray will be leaving for Australia on Feb. 7 and will return Feb. 18th

Old Business

1. **Finance and Property Committee coordination.** Discussion about centralizing the projects on properties in order to have clarify who is over what property project. Someone would oversee a project thru completion and then be done with that project; this conversation lead into #2.
2. **Property Committee leadership.** Thru discussion this committee truly needs a chair and members to handle property projects. Mark has no desire to be the chair so a list of possible chairs is being looked at. The idea is to have someone who has strong organizational leadership skills to chair this committee and follow up with the individual members who would be oversee specific projects. The timetable is as soon as we can find someone to take on the chair role and then get moving on this.

New Business

1. **Committee Reports**
   a. **Education –** Things are going well with 15 candidates and 10 catechumens currently. Also, the confirmation class will be having a retreat soon and 1st reconciliation is coming up. The adult bible study will be started by our deacon with a focus of covering topics in 6 week periods. Catholism 101 is doing well with 20+ people showing up.
   b. **Finance –** Published in the church bulletin with collections up a bit. Father is going to talk with the Archbishop about why our taxes have jumped so high. Also, discussed how generous our parish has been and how we need to be cognitive of that. We are currently continue to pay off what we owe to the school and the 6-plex etc.
   c. **Parish Life –** Discussed the Kairos Prison Ministry which is conducting a retreat for juvenile boys the last weekend in March in Tecumseh, OK. This group has a meeting Feb. 16 as they look for volunteers who would like to be a part of this. Other groups were contacted and left messages for any needs they might have from the PC.

2. **Other new business** – Begin to elect parish council position for Mark Krittenbrink soon. Usually election takes place in March with newly elected beginning in April.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 6 2008 at 7:00 PM

March Committee Reports:

Campus Ministry	Casey, Charlie
Communications	Earl, Julia
Liturgy	RC, Sims