

St Thomas More University Parish
Draft – Parish Council Minutes of March 6, 2008

Members Present: Mark Krittenbrink Sims Beeler Absent: Julia Irwin
Earl Whitman R.C. Davis Father Ackerman (teaching Catholicism 101)
Charlie Kenney Casey Partridge Sam Snow
Phillip Smith

Meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Kenney followed by Gospel reflections. (John 11)

Pastor's Report

1. No report b/c Father Ray was teaching Catholicism 101 at the same time of the meeting. He did touch base with Charlie on a few different items.

Old Business

1. **Property Committee leadership.** Mark is handling this for now and for a few months until we can follow thru on identifying a chair to oversee this committee and the individual projects. Charlie is following up with Father Ray to see if he was able to talk with anyone about this position.
2. **Nominations and election plans.** Mark Krittenbrink's position is the only opening.
March 30th and April 6th – Solicit nominations from the congregation. PC members speak at mass as follows:
Saturday 5pm: R.C. Davis
Sunday 8:30am: Mark Krittenbrink
Sunday 11:00am: Julia
Sunday 5:00pm: Phillip/Sims
April 13th – Contact nominees and see if they are willing to run
April 20th – Put a picture and information of the nominee in a bulletin insert
April 27th – Hold the election
May 3rd – Announcement made of the winning nominee
May 17th – Parish Council Retreat

New Business

1. Committee Reports

- a. **Campus Ministry** – Phillip and Casey reported on this. Phillip reported that they are trying to bring Awakening to OU in the fall. This is a big undertaking and they will be working closely with Texas A&M on handling this. Casey reported that Women of Grace and Men of Honor have begun meeting this past month and both groups are going thru particular books and will come together soon..
 - b. **Communications** – Earl reported that the church website is doing really well and we need to truly begin to utilize this resource more and publicize to the congregation about it. We need to also follow thru to make sure the PC minutes are being distributed in the bulletin. We also need to continue to take advantage of the free insert areas in the newspapers as well as publicizing the parish suggestion box. Parish directory is finished which is a great thing.
 - c. **Liturgy** – Sims and R.C. reported on this. We had a lengthy and fruitful discussion on how to look at handling the liturgy and how to work with a committee to make some things happen. There is a need for another meeting to open up communication as well as focusing on some smaller things at first. Maybe looking first on how the church can improve its welcoming approach to current parishioners as well as new parishioners. R.C. and Sims plan to discuss and put together a game plan for a future meeting to take place so parishioners will feel comfortable making suggestions and then working with Father Ray to make improvements to the overall aspect of the liturgy, but starting small first.
2. **Other new business** – The gala committee has asked that the parish council provide one member to serve on the gala committee. Also, Charlie will not be able to be at the April 3rd Parish Council meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3rd, 2008 at 7:00pm

April Committee Reports:

Property Committee	Mark, Sims
Social Action	Earl, Charlie