

**St Thomas More University Parish**  
**Draft – Parish Council Minutes of September 4th, 2008**

Members Present: Sims Beeler                      Carol Hoffman              Father Ray  
                         Sam Snow                              Julia Irwin                      Justine Summers  
                         Charlie Kenney                      Casey Partridge  
                         Phillip Smith                              R.C. Davis

Absent:                      Earl Whitman

Others Present: Christy Meiser

Meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Kenney followed by Gospel reflections. (Mt. 18: 15-20). August minutes changes approved.

**Pastor's Report**

1. Some concerns about some financial things; we are being sued in a small claims court for a little over \$2000 in demand of a payment for cleaning of the floor last summer. They want a payment for work not done and incomplete. We should be fine and feel very strong about our case in this situation. Possible opportunity to have the first "green rectory" being looked at thru the school of architect at OU.

**Old Business**

1. **PC member's areas of special responsibility:** If anyone would like changes please let Charlie know.

**New Business**

- A. **Christy Meiser report:** Discussed the challenges and changes being made to personnel forms. She has completed a lot of work in this area and is hoping to finalize things very shortly. Working thru the challenges of implanting a lot of changes with the staff. Plans to discuss and explain her role more thoroughly to the staff with Father Ray at their next staff meeting. Sam Snow motion to move the RE director to a salary position at \$18,000 and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by R.C. Davis and passed by the Parish Council. A subcommittee (personnel) will meet to go over documents and get them approved and then bring them to PC if there are bigger issues that need to be discussed.
- B. **Campus Ministry Report:** Phillip reported that the welcome back cookout was a GREAT success. Catholic Casino was TERRIFIC. Their first college night saw attendance between 50 and 60 students and about 250 students are registered. Men of Honor and Women of Grace kickoff on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and campus ministry has a full calendar in September. Also reminded everyone about the Awakening Retreat coming to OU.
- C. **Building Locks and Security:** Don's Mobil locks recommended for building locks by St. Josephs and Christy will have them out for an estimate.
- D. **Facilities Planning Committee:** A date still needs to be set for first meeting.
- E. **Building Maintenance Committee:** Still up in the air, something needs to be remedied in this situation. Multiple things hanging over our head with this committee.
- F. **Stewardship program:** An ongoing stewardship program thoughtout the year has been accepted. Father Ray passed out a little book on stewardship and Carol and Casey will help decide how this will go in the church this year.
- G. **Transition Plan Next Year:** A plan needs to be looked at and put into place since the spring will be here soon. The constitution needs to be looked at and revised in serving this plan.
- H. **Communication:** We still need to take advantage of free newspaper space. Promote the website thru the bulletin, websites are looking good and Sims has contributed to the overall communication improvement.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2008 at 7:00pm