

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

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

Absent: Justine Summers, Julia Irwin, Earl Whitman

Meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Kenney followed by Gospel reflections. (John 2:13-22). October minutes approved.

Pastor's Report

1. The Gala cleared approximately \$35,000. We had more sponsors than last year, cash that came in was okay, and the trend shows that the auction is not producing as much probably in large part due to the economy. Great reviews of the food, music, and how smooth the event ran. Overall, the Gala was a lot of fun and much success. Father will send thank you notes to main donors and will include pictures; followed by students doing hand written notes after various experiences throughout the year.

Old Business

1. **Facilities Planning Committee:** Met for the second time and learned a lot about the processes that had been done in the past as well as past plans for a facility. Mark Krittenbrink did a great job and by the end of the meeting there was a rough consensus of a plan for a new facility to service church's growth and functions and then phases to expand sanctuary within the church. At the end of the meeting the next thoughts and steps stemmed around financing. An information sheet will be put together by Christy and a look at actual numbers that we can ballpark and work with on what people have committed to in the past. The next meeting is to look at what can be done to come up with the financial means and how much can be raised.
2. **Building and Maintenance: Formation of Committee** – the need for a building/maintenance committee still exists to take burden from Father and Christy. What do we do to get this started? Arn Henderson and R.C. Davis currently are on this committee and planning on recruiting some members that can help them handle projects.
3. **Stewardship Program:** Carol, Casey, Christy, and Father Ray will meet on Nov. 20 at 5:30pm to plan.
4. **Constitution and Transition:** Discussed, edited, and proposed changes to the current PC Constitution. There was much discussion between the role of the Pastor and the PC and what actions the PC can take in absences of the Pastor. Follow up will continue on the constitution and we will bring it back for further discussion and work. Sam discussed a transition plan that will put the PC on the right schedule. The three members who are leaving PC will then allow for three new members to be elected and serve three years except for the person receiving the least amount of votes and they will serve a two-year term to get us back on track.

New Business

1. **Mass Greeting:** R.C. brought this up for discussion. Father suggested members who are taking an active leadership role within the parish could do the greeting and welcoming before Mass. Possibly looking at the 1st of the calendar time frame for this to begin. Casey and Carol will call leaders of church organizations to get the ball rolling on this and then put together a list of greeters so a scheduled can be worked up for the future.
2. **Closing Prayer**

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 11th, 2008 at 7:00pm