

St Thomas More University Parish
Parish Council Minutes
5 February 2009

Members Present: Father Ray Ackerman, Charlie Kenney, R.C. Davis, Earl Whitman, Julia Irwin, Carol Hoffman, Phillip Smith, Sam Snow, Justine Summers, Sims Beeler

Absent: Deacon John Pigott, Deacon Tom Schott, Casey Partridge

Guests: Mike Tobin, Bill Huntington

Opening

1. Opened meeting with prayer, then reflected upon the following Sunday's Gospel Reading.
2. January minutes were approved.
3. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

Pastor's Report

1. Fr. Ackerman announced that we have enough funds to cover the roof and wall maintenance projects (see Building and Maintenance Report below).
2. A three parish Lenten Retreat is scheduled for 29-31 March. Day 1 at St. Marks. Day 2, St. Joseph's. Day 3, STM. Fr. Lafferty to preside.

Building and Maintenance Report

1. Mike Tobin presented bids he had received to refurbish the grey metal roof over the Sanctuary, seal the concrete block walls, and replace the flashing. The best bids were from Statewide Painting Contractor's, Inc. and Dub's Sheet Metal, L.L.C. The bid prices were \$67,500 to refurbish and paint the roof, \$6,300 to seal the walls, and \$5,600 to replace the flashing. Mike recommended we begin the project this spring after temperatures have stabilized (mid-March to mid-May) and estimated the project would take 2 to 4 weeks to complete. Mike also suggested that plants rubbing against the building should be trimmed back or moved in preparation for the project. He informed us that we had 30 days to contract at the bid price.
2. The projects, proposed by Mike, were approved by the Council, subject to proof of insurance and bonding by the contactors.
3. R.C Davis reported on the contingent status of a proposal to install playground equipment on STM grounds and of facility keyless entry implementation.

New Business

1. Bill Huntington discussed plans to renovate the Knight's house, which the Knight's of Columbus plan, themselves, to finance. On behalf of the Knight's, Bill asked for permission to proceed with the project this spring. Bill did not foresee a problem if, in the future, the building needs to be moved to accommodate Parish building projects.
2. Casey Partridge left word of his intent to resign from the Council, due to a conflict between a

course he is taking and the Council meeting time. Fr. Ackerman proposed to appoint a replacement by the next meeting.

3. Sims Beeler was elected to replace Casey Partridge as Parish Council Secretary.
4. The annual Parish Council retreat was set for 23 May.
5. Besides Casey, four other PC member's terms end this spring. Staggering the terms of those coming into office, so that gradual turnover might be restored, was discussed. One proposed solution was to base term length on number of votes received.
6. It was decided to schedule the Parish Council election for 28-29 March; election publicity and preparation for 21-22 March; and, for 21-22 February, a bulletin announcement asking parishioners to prayerfully consider running for a Council position.
7. It was decided that the Parish Council would prepare Sunday Supper on 29 March.
8. The Mass Greeting process was discussed. It was suggested that a Greeter schedule be posted in the Sacristy.
9. It was suggested that the bulletin be proofread before publication. It was finally decided that the issue be revisited at the next meeting.
10. Fr. Ackerman announced that he would be away on retreat, 13-20 February.

Closing

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 5 March 2009 at 7:00 p.m.