

**St Thomas More University Parish  
Parish Council Minutes  
5 March 2009**

Members Present: Father Ray Ackerman, Charlie Kenney, Earl Whitman, Julia Irwin, Carol Hoffman, Sam Snow, Sims Beeler

Absent: Deacon John Pigott, Deacon Tom Schott, R.C. Davis, Phillip Smith, Justine Summers

Guests: Christy Meiser

**Opening**

1. Opened meeting at 7:08 pm with reflection upon the upcoming Sunday's Gospel Reading followed by prayer.
2. February minutes were amended to update the rescheduled Lenten Retreat dates. Amended minutes were approved.
3. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

**Pastor's Report**

1. Fr. Ackerman reported that the Parish Council's decision to eliminate the position of Development Director had been implemented.
2. Office Manager Christy Meiser has taken on extra responsibilities and is increasing her hours. Thus, Fr. Ray thought it fair to increase Christy's annual pay.
3. Fr. Ackerman suggested that the process by which spending projects are approved by the Finance Committee, Parish Council, and Pastor be reviewed so as to guarantee a responsible and orderly process, maintain canonical legitimacy, and avoid disruptive bottlenecks.
4. Scheduled commencement of the Parish maintenance projects, reported in last month's Minutes, moved up to March.
5. The Green Rectory project is moving forward.

**Business Manager's Report – Christy Meiser**

1. Christy reported that she is working hard to organize the office records and activities in the wake of the departure of the Development Director and of the former Parish Secretary.
2. She reported that volunteer luncheons are proving to be an effective tool for recruiting help.
3. She is already considering ways to make the Gala more successful.
4. She is pursuing closer coordination with Campus Ministry.
5. She recommended the formation of RE and Campus Ministry committees.
6. She is in the process of learning how to use the intricate 'Razor's Edge' database software, implemented by the former Development Director.
7. She reported that the Parish Secretary had taken over the parish bulletin.

**Old Business**

1. The Parish Council election process details were discussed.

2. Since Charlie is running for reelection, Sam Snow will head election process.
3. The Parish Council scheduled to prepare the March 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Supper. Fr. Ackerman volunteered to prepare the main course. Council members to meet in the kitchen at 4:30 pm for final preparation.

**Closing**

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:45 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 16 April 2009 at 7:00 p.m.