

St Thomas More University Parish
Parish Council Minutes
16 April 2009

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

Absent: Deacon John Pigott, Deacon Tom Schott, Justine Summers

Guests: Bill Huntington, Eric Anderson, Jennifer Grove

Opening

1. Opened meeting with prayer at 7:03 pm.
2. Divine Mercy Sunday's Gospel was read aloud followed by discussion.
3. The revised draft of the March minutes was approved.
4. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

Pastor's Report

1. Fr. Ackerman reviewed Holy Week / Easter services.
 - a. He apologized for the shortage of tapers at the Easter Vigil.
 - b. He explained that due to a lack of communication there was no reception following the Easter Vigil.
 - c. He apologized for there being no choir at the Easter 5 pm Mass - due, again, to lack of communication.
 - d. He stated that Parish Schedule errors in the Bulletin also caused confusion.
 - e. He concluded that he didn't think a large, fixed Liturgical committee would provide the proper apparatus to oversee parish liturgical planning and operation but preferred the idea of drawing upon the help of a small group.
2. Arn Henderson is in process of reviewing the top three green rectory designs.
3. The flashing has been replaced around the outer structure of the Sanctuary

Old Business

1. Sam reported on the Parish Council election results: Eric Anderson and Sims Beeler were elected to three year terms, Bill Huntington to a two year term.
2. New members were welcomed.
3. Fr. Ackerman will confer with Sam concerning the complete election results before announcing his appointments to the Parish Council.
4. Charlie and Fr. Ackerman reported on the 1 April 2009 Facilities Planning meeting
 - a. Fr. Ackerman presented the building plan designed by Mark Krittenbrink.
 - b. Estimated cost of a new classroom/activity facility as designed: \$1.2 to 1.5 million.
 - c. Design plan to be presented to the RE Coordinator, the Campus Minister, the Supreme Knight, and the Music Director for their suggestions, modifications, and approval.
 - d. Upon consultation with the above major interest group heads, Mark to produce a revised general building plan.
5. Council approved hiring someone to prepare an official and detailed cost estimate of project

based upon the final approved building design.

6. Bill Huntington announced that the Knights recently discovered severe problems with the roof and the gas line in the basement of the white house. He warned that the Knights would likely soon approach the Parish for help with repairs.
7. The need for a Liturgical committee was discussed and it was agreed that a Liturgical committee (of manageable size and meeting only four times a year) be formed.
8. RC Davis and Fr. Ackerman to collaborate on the formation of the Liturgical committee.
9. The upcoming Parish Council Retreat was brought to the attention of the council. It was agreed that Retreat be divided into three segments consisting of Evaluation, Priorities, and Organization.
 - a. Lunch to be provided at the Retreat.
 - b. Calendar to be planned during the Organization segment of the Retreat.

Closing

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:22 p.m.
2. Next meeting: Annual Retreat and Planning Meeting 23 May 2009 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.