

St Thomas More University Parish Parish Council Minutes 3 September 2009

Members Present: Father Ray Ackerman, Charlie Kenney, R.C. Davis, Carol Hoffman, Sam Snow, Bill Huntington, Jennifer Grover, Ben Ballard, and Sims Beeler

Absent: Deacon John Pigott, Deacon Tom Schott, Eric Anderson

Opening

1. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B Gospel was read aloud followed by discussion.
2. The 2 June 2009 and 6 August 2009 minutes were approved.
3. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

Pastor's Report

1. Fr. announced that Brigid Brink has resigned from the Parish Council due to a personal conflict and plans to appoint a replacement following consultation.
2. Fr. has appointed two new members, Tanya Stewart and John Holter, to the Finance Committee. New FC Chair has yet to be elected.
3. Still no leaks found after building maintenance work!

Business and Planning Committee Report

1. Council approved Don's Mobile Lock bid of \$4936.21 to replace all mechanical locks throughout the facility. B&P Committee to appoint manager to oversee registration and distribution of new keys.
2. Council approved Erin's request to hire a Campus Ministry assistant, to be paid \$15,000 a year, on the condition that measurable and attainable goals are set – such as a 5% increase in student participation – and a firm job description agreed upon by Fr., Christy, and Erin before the next Parish Council meeting.
3. Michelle Breedlove has requested a raise. Fr. will discuss issue further with her.
4. Some volunteers have gathered to organize the Parish Library. They have requested \$800 for software and supplies to accomplish the task. The Council approved their request.
5. The sprinkler system has gone haywire and twice flooded the property on the weekend on 28-30 Aug. A bid has been received to install a new system. Due to lack of information or a copy of the bid, the issue was moved to Buildings & Maintenance for further study.
6. Council approved painting of the Grey House for \$5000 subject to receiving a written estimate.
7. All the above expenditure approvals were understood to be subject to Finance Committee approval.

Organized Participation Committee Report

1. Three amendments to the Constitution of the Parish Council were read and discussed. They are as follows:
 - a. Art. III, Sect 1, c) to be modified from: "Permanent Deacons assigned to the Parish (if any)." to "Permanent Deacons, if so assigned by the Pastor."
 - b. Art. V to be modified from: "The Pastor or the rest of the Executive Council may call extraordinary meetings of the Parish Council, provided all members are given at least three days notice." to "The Pastor or, upon unanimous agreement, the rest of the

Executive Council may call extraordinary meetings of the Parish Council, provided all members are given at least three days notice.”

- c. Art. VII, Sect 6 (new Section) : “In the event that the Pastor becomes incapacitated or cannot communicate with the Parish for an extended or possibly indefinite period, the Parish Council will contact the Archdiocese for guidance and will attempt to provide temporary leadership for the Parish until it receives further instructions from the Archdiocese.”
2. The amendments are to be voted upon in the next meeting.

Communications Report

1. A single online master calendar for Parish still a work in progress.

Closing

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