

**St Thomas More University Parish
Parish Council Minutes
10 December 2009**

Members Present: Father Ray Ackerman, Charlie Kenney, R.C. Davis, Sam Snow, Bill Huntington, and Sims Beeler

Members Absent: Carol Hoffman, Eric Anderson, Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover

Opening

1. Meeting began at 7:05 pm with reading and discussion of the 3rd Sunday in Advent Cycle C Gospel followed by prayer.
2. The 5 November 2009 minutes were approved.
3. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

Pastor's Report

1. Finances for Parish look okay. There has been a change in the bookkeeping procedure. New books almost current.
2. The Archdiocese has called attention to some stipulations in its insurance for the Parishes. Social gatherings such as weddings need to purchase supplemental insurance for the event. How this applies to other activities is unclear. Bill Huntington will review their memo, visit with the appropriate people at the Archdiocese and report back to the Council in January.
3. New lock transition going fairly well. Some glitches. Parishioners who need keys are encouraged to apply at the Office.
4. Maintenance to be performed on some windows and doors.
5. Fr. has family of skunks living under house. Still working on green Rectory show-house project.
6. Gala a success. \$27000 profit from the event. Fr. Ackerman was very pleased and proud with the efforts of Christy and the Gala Committee. Fr. hopes to expand turnout in the future.
7. Fr. wants to give bonuses to the Staff, pending approval from the Finance Committee.

Organized Participation Committee Report

1. Working on welcoming and increasing Parishioner involvement.
2. Creating a pledge mailing soliciting financial & time commitment to the Parish.

Communications Committee Report

1. In addition to posting the approved Parish Council minutes to the parish website, a list of parishioners to receive, in advance, a reviewed draft of the minutes was approved.

Closing

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:10 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 7 January 2010 at 7:00 p.m.