

St Thomas More University Parish
Parish Council Minutes
7 January 2010

Members Present: Father Ray Ackerman, R.C. Davis, Sam Snow, Carol Hoffman, Eric Anderson, Bill Huntington, and Sims Beeler

Members Absent: Charlie Kenney, Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover

Guests Present: Tom Outlaw, Christy Macon

Opening

1. Meeting began at 6 pm with prayer, followed by reading and discussion of the Cycle C Gospel for the Baptism of the Lord.
2. Tom Outlaw and Christy Macon, from All Saint's School, invited the Council to the All Saint's 8:20 am Children's Mass on February 3rd. The Parish Councils from all four local Parishes are to be invited. The event is intended to serve as a community building activity and as a platform to initiate dialogue between All Saint's and the four Parishes.
3. RC reviewed meeting agenda.
4. The 10 December 2009 minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report

1. Fr. seeking new webmaster who would be available on quicker notice. Unlike St. Mark's, STM was not able to keep parishioners informed via the website of cancelled and added Masses during the snow storm quandary.
2. Fr. lamented Parish communication problems not unrelated to the organization and effectiveness of the Bulletin.
3. Roof leaking in Rectory. Sam and Bill volunteered the Knights to examine the problem.
4. 105 persons in attendance at Christmas Masses. Low turnout due to snow and lack of awareness of the added noon Mass.
5. Updated Parishioner info list needed.
6. Joint Confirmation Mass scheduled for April 16th at St. Mark's. All three Norman Parishes plan to participate.
7. The children's Christmas program went very well. Fr. thought Chelle Breedlove did great job organizing it.
8. Due to problems with hackers, Fr. Ackerman has changed his e-mail address.

Business and Planning Committee Report

1. All locks in the facility have been replaced.
2. After conferring with Bill Huntington, Fr. Ackerman will determine which groups need to be notified concerning conformation to the Archdiocesan supplemental insurance policy.

Organized Participation Committee Report

1. A Hospitality Committee may be in formation.

Communications Committee Report

1. Advance copies of the Minutes were sent last month to select Parish group leaders.
2. It was mentioned that finding a reliable and continually available volunteer webmaster would be unlikely and that a replacement would most likely require hiring someone.

Closing

1. Meeting closed with prayer at about 7 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 4 February 2010 at 7:00 p.m.