

**St Thomas More University Parish  
Parish Council Minutes  
4 March 2010**

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

Guests Present: Mark Krittenbrink

**Opening**

1. Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with prayer, followed by reading and discussion of the Cycle C Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent.
2. The 4 February 2010 minutes were approved.
3. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.

**Pastor's Report**

1. Parish collections are \$9,000 behind where they were last year at this time.
2. Lisa Schmidt is open to helping with Parish website.
3. Fr. Ackerman expressed great appreciation for the gift, from the late Joe Rieger, which will help greatly toward the purchase of new seating for the Sanctuary.
4. The skunks have been removed from Rectory.
5. Current Rectory to become classroom space with minor remodeling.

**Business and Planning Committee Report**

1. Mark Krittenbrink gave presentation regarding transformation of a portion of the Sixplex into a Rectory. Conversion of 2 apartment plan was agreed upon. Fr. plans to approach Archdiocese requesting financial help for conversion. Mark to obtain cost estimate of basic project plus add on of garage plus add on of patio space. Goal is to finish project by start of Fall semester.
2. RC obtained floor plans of Sanctuary and will submit those to obtain pricing options for pews. He will present findings at next meeting. (New chairs would cost around \$45,000 to \$47,000).
3. Office computers having problems with viruses. Sam will study issue and report back at the next meeting or the following.

**Organized Participation Committee Report**

1. Sam to oversee Parish Council election process. Plans a 4 week procedure. Nominations scheduled for Palm Sunday, elections for April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications Committee Report**

1. Fr. seeking improvements in Bulletin. He will compose a list of essential elements to be included in the Bulletin and convey list to the Communications Committee.
2. Fr. will approach Lisa Schmidt concerning improvement of Parish website. If interested, she will be asked to meet with the Communications Committee.

**Closing**

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:55 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 8 April 2010 at 7:00 p.m.