

St Thomas More University Parish
Parish Council Minutes
15 April 2010

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

Members Absent: Sam Snow, Eric Anderson, Jennifer Grover

Opening

1. Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with reading and discussion of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter.
2. Charlie reviewed meeting agenda.
3. The 4 March 2010 minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report

1. Fr. pleased with Easter collections.
2. He has not yet contacted Lisa Schmidt concerning help with Parish website.
3. Latest Bulletin errors were due to a computer crash. He mentioned possibly replacing the Office computers.
4. He talked to Archbishop Beltran concerning proceeds from sale of old Rectory on Homeland St. Proceeds will likely return to STM.
5. Fr. to present new Rectory plans to the Archbishop on April 16th in a solicitation for financial assistance.
6. \$10,000 should cover proposed renovations to Red House.
7. New Rectory project construction to begin after end of Spring RE classes. Minimal renovation/repairs to the existing Rectory to convert into RE classrooms will also begin at that time.

Business and Planning Committee Report

1. Fr. Ackerman to view options for new Sanctuary seating and on April 16th. RC also plans to attend presentation.
2. The Knights of Columbus has initiated getting a cost estimate to repave the parking lot adjacent to the Church, patching the north lot, and repainting and striping the east lot. Bill thought it would be a good opportunity to implement handicap renovations.

Communications Committee Report

1. Fr. Ackerman is open to Richard Love's idea to post messages on the STM website through Twitter. Sam has alternative idea. Issue should be resolved in the course of further meetings.
2. Fr. is now watching over Bulletin publication and confident problems can be overcome.

Organized Participation Committee Report

1. Parish Council elections scheduled for April 24-25 weekend. There are three candidates. Parish Council members needed to tend election boxes after Masses.
2. Hope expressed that the Peer Ministers who will serve on the Council for 2010-11 will attend the upcoming Parish Council Annual Retreat.

Closing

1. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:20 p.m.
2. Next meeting scheduled for 6 May 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Parish Council Annual Retreat 22 May 2010, 9 am – 3 pm.