

**ST. THOMAS MORE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – June 12, 2007**

PRESENT: Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Ron Briseno, Jody Cadieux, Bill Ipsen, Brian Leahey, Paul Ibbetson, Chris Smith and Doug D'Agrosa

NOT PRESENT: Diana Diaz, Louise Briseno, Janice Treat, Henny Jocelyn, Gloria Larson, Linda Brault and Michael Yambrach.

CALL TO ORDER: By Ron Briseno at 7:01 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Chris Smith

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2007 MEETING MINUTES: Approved as posted on website in June 2007.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris:

1. Welcome Ministry Update – The ministry officially started February 1, 2007. There are 14 couples who have signed up to work with prospective new members. There have been 44 Blue cards turned in; of those 18 new households have been registered – 41% of the cards. Of those 18 newly registered households, 97% have Operational and Building Fund responses. The remaining 26 blue cards are open, some have been scheduled for home visits, some are non committal. There are 6 different languages represented, English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese and Polish.
2. Golf Classic Update – Childcare is being provided for \$5 per child, Pat Crafton and the Rudolph's will be helping. There will be food and things for the kids to do. There are currently 266 people signed up for the dinner, 87 players for golf. \$32,000 was raised at the 2006 golf tournament. To date there is over \$45,000 in projected cash and gifts value donated. Tournament and evening income will be key in determining our total net income, which is hoped to be \$40K or more.
3. "Greeter" Update – the new Greeters have been doing very well. Chris wants to make sure that all Greeters become more familiar with the bulletin. Page 4 has the Mission Statement, information on Religious Education and Sacraments. The Back Page has the listings for Pastoral Leadership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris: 1. Annuities – There was a discussion on Annuities and how they can benefit the Parish.

Fr. Mike: 1. Diocesan Reorganization – There was a discussion about the Diocesan Reorganization.

2. 5 Acre Parcel Update – the Parish now has a listing of all of the contiguous properties surrounding our property. They will be contacted via certified mail to let them know we will be putting up a fence on 3 sides of the perimeter. A copy of the certification of the 5 acre plot will also be sent highlighting the pins. We will be paving the road by the nursery. Once the road is paved a temporary fence will be put up.

Ron: 1. Diocesan Stewardship Day – We as a parish are doing everything possible from a publication standpoint (flyers, bulletin, parish directory). Other parishes have taken samples and have asked us for information on how we produce our publications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual Catholic Appeal – Diana Diaz / written report submitted – read by Jody Cadieux

Update as of June 11, 2007

7 more families pledging \$485.00 (average envelope this week = \$69.29)

Total STM registered families pledging: 325 of 965 = 33.7%

Total ACA pledges to date for 2007 = \$47,259.90

The average envelope = \$145.42

Last year at the same time we had a current total of 396 families, or 71 more families, last year who donated at this same time and pledged a total of \$53,450.04. As of 6/11/2007, shows pledges are down \$6,190.14 from the same time last year. We have met our goal of \$30K to the Diocese, so as of today \$17,259.90 comes back to St. Thomas More.

Capital Campaign – Bill Ipsen

- 731 active pledges in the Capital Campaign with 965 active families.
- Approx \$6M cumulative in pledges to date.
- Collected \$3M so far from active pledges, and now with just over \$2M on deposit with the Diocese after paying off the 5 acre parcel, and making our monthly debt reduction payments, and our payments toward the Secondary Education Initiative.
- 866 households are donating to the Capital Campaign – 90%.
- Campaign is running smoothly.

Membership – Louise Briseno / written report submitted – read by Jody Cadieux

- Next New Member Luncheon has been rescheduled for August 5, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

New Construction – Brian Leahey

- The building corners can be put into place to stake out the new sanctuary when we are ready via the assistance of an autocad electronic file. Fr. Mike needs to meet with Joel King first to get the ok to stake the corners.
- The Conditional Use Permit has been approved.
- There is discussion about getting a 3D sand sculpture of the sanctuary, may be able to get an artist's rendering as well.

Planned Giving – This position is now being overseen by Chris Smith.

Publicity & PR- Gloria Larson / written report submitted – Read by Chris Smith

- The next newsletter should be going out by the end of June. Focus of this edition will relate to our Parish Mission "Our Family, God's Work of Art" which shows what the people of the parish do to make us Church. This will include several youth related articles, and an update on our sister parish ministry.
- Anne Marshall is the new contact for Publicity releases.

Sacrificial Giving – Paul Ibbetson

- Janice Treat has resigned as of 6/10/2007. Paul Ibbetson will continue to chair this by himself.

Scrip – Henny Jocelyn / report emailed to Jody Cadieux and summary provided here

- The month of April we sold \$12,309 in Scrip.
- Quarterly check from Ralph's totaled \$720.84 in profit.
- Committee has made its 5th payment of \$5,000 towards the \$100,000 stained glass window pledge.

Stewardship – Chris Smith

- Stewardship Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for October 12, 2007 and will kick off Stewardship Renewal Month.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Pastoral Council – Doug D’Agrosa

- Kathy Zych is the new Pastoral Council Secretary.
- The Parish Retreat went very well. There were 40-60 people at each morning session, and 150-250 people in the evening sessions.
- There were 38 children who received 1st Communion, 20 people celebrated Confirmation.

Finance Council – Paul Ibbetson

- The budget is in the Black and we are working to have a surplus for next year.
- Currently working on the new budget.
- The “Did You Know” envelopes have been very successful and resulted in \$9,000 during May.
- Contractors are being changed for the floor maintenance and landscaping which will result in a savings.
- \$26,000 is being taken out of reserves for several projects: An 18X30 reinforced concrete pad near the trash, the interior is being completely repainted with an eggshell finish which will last longer. It will take 2-3 weeks to complete. An exterminator has been hired to alleviate the gopher problem on the property.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Father Mike – Karen Oshinski is leaving as Parish secretary effective June 15. Henny Jocelyn will be the new Parish Secretary. A search is underway for another person who can fill in when Henny will not be available.

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2007 – 7:00pm. Opening Prayer- Michael Yambrach