

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
August 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Doug D'Agrosa.

1. Opening Prayer: Cathy Zych

2. Roll Call

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were:

Name:	Role
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Rory Griffin	Evangelization & Faith Formation Chair
Suzie Irwin	Social Ministries Chair
Ron Briseno	Development Council Liaison
Cathy Zych	Secretary
Also in Attendance:	
Chris Smith	Stewardship
Absent:	
Kalei/Paul Mendiola	Marriage and Family Life Chair
OPEN	Parish Organizations & Events Chair

3. Agenda Review

4. Report from Stewardship Committee

October is Christian Stewardship Month and Chris Smith is busy coordinating activities for the month.

An appreciation dinner will be held on Friday, October 12th. Invitations will be in the mail by end of the month. If anyone does not receive an invitation, please let Chris know.

The Stewardship theme for this year is "living waters."

The theme for the Stewardship Dinner will be Polynesian.

The ministry fair will be held the weekend of October 27/28. Please help so that the tables will be staffed for both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. It is requested that 2 representatives be at each ministry table. Chris is working on a "Did You Know?" format to present at all the Masses that weekend. She will give the statistics of the number of people involved in the various ministries at STM.

5. Old Business

There was nothing pending.

6. New Business

Parishioners for the Churches and Schools Foundation - Doug D'Agrosa informed the Council that a new group is forming to represent parishioners during the Diocesan Chapter Eleven proceedings. It is their belief that Parishes, their properties and financial accounts, although part of the Diocese, are the results of designated gifts and therefore should not be considered as part of any possible Diocesan settlement. This group is looking for individuals who would send emails and be available to be present at Court proceedings, if needed. It was felt that newspaper reports are one-sided and the group would like to share the other side of the story to the public. The website address is <http://www.pftcs.com>.

7. Committee Updates

- **Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee**

Bret Schanzenbach will be putting together a program geared toward parents of children in our REACH program.

Middle School youth ministry has 35 students in attendance.

Next Monday Night Mass will be on September 10th. Youth in other parishes in the area will be invited to attend. After mass an ice cream social is planned. At our last mass in August 158 people attended.

- **Marriage and Family Life**

The father's day cookie "hand out" went really well and we had lots of great helpers from the high school who donated time to bake the cookies in the kitchen.

- **Social Ministries**

Report was shared by Suzie Irwin. She shared committee reports and gave an update of the Healthcare Reform Initiative.

- **PO&E**

No report given.

- **The Liturgy Committee**

No report given.

- **Finance Council**

Paul Ibbetson reported the operating budget is in place and approved. The painting of the interior of the Parish Center has been completed. The floor maintenance and landscaping contracts were re-bid at a lower cost than in previous years.

- **Development Council**

Ron Briseno gave the committee an update on the capital campaign. Flags will be displayed to let the Parishioners know where the Church will be located on our site.

Welcome Ministry update: 40 people attended the new Parishioners' luncheon; our next luncheon is being planned for February 17, 2008.

Annual Catholic Appeal: Our ACA Parish assessment is \$30,000. Presently the pledged amount is \$48,000. If everyone is faithful to their pledge, the Parish rebate should be \$18,000.

Capital Campaign: 77% of our parishioners have made pledges; many of the pledges will come due in December and it is hoped they will be extended for another three year commitment.

Vehicle Donation program: as of August 2007, 12 vehicles were donated earning \$8,300 for the parish.

8. Emerging Issues

9. Clergy Comments

Father Mike is hopeful that mediation will quickly resolve the petition for bankruptcy.

We are getting bids to clear out the vegetation and put up a fence and gate on the five acre parcel.

10. Closing Prayer: Cathy Zych

ACTION ITEMS: