

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: February 4, 2009

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Doug D'Agrosa led the opening prayer.

2. Roll Call

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were

| Name | Role |
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| Rev. Michael Ratajczak | Pastor |
| Doug D'Agrosa | Pastoral Council Chair |
| Cathy Zych | Secretary |
| Rory Griffin | Faith Formation & Evangelization Chair |
| Paul Ibbetson | Finance Chair |
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| Those not in Attendance were | |
| Ron Briseno | Development Council Chair |
| POSITION OPEN | Parish Organizations & Events Chair |
| POSITION OPEN | Marriage and Family Life Chair |
| Kathy Arciero | Liturgy Committee Liaison |
| Suzee Irwin | Social Ministries Chair |

3. Agenda Review

Secretary clarified questions regarding the meeting minutes of November 18th. Kathy Arciero will become the Liturgy Committee liaison to the Pastoral Council. She will be invited to attend the next meeting on May 13th. Secretary will follow-up with office to obtain email address.

4. Old Business

- Pastoral Council members were asked to think about how we can attract more parishioners to STM and to help people in the community to become aware of our parish.
- STM Development Council came up with an idea of food nights at local restaurants: California Pizza Kitchen and Soup Plantation and others. These events will be held monthly; Ron Briseno is looking for a person to coordinate these events.
- A canned food drive is being discussed and organized at STM. Local charities in our community would benefit from the donations.

- The Evangelization and Marriage and Family Life Chair positions are open. Doug D'Agrosa shared his draft of a bulletin announcement and asked council members for their input.
- The possibility of a fall festival was discussed. This would be a large undertaking and require much planning for it to be successful. Other community builders that are less elaborate would be more practical at this time.

5. New Business

- The reaction to Capital Campaign update by Bill Ipsen after his talk at all masses Jan 10th and 11th, was that parishioners were understanding as the economy was difficult; yet some felt disappointed that the dates for the groundbreaking and construction of the church would be on hold for the time being.

6. Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee

RCIA:

- At STM we have seven candidates and catechumens currently in our RCIA process.
- Deacon Tom and Pat Goeltz's Rediscovering Catholicism class has 18 people participating; Rory reports it is a very diverse group with much conversation and discussion.

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children:

No report.

Adult Religious Education Committee:

- The prayer breakfast for men will be held on February 28 with Father Michael Barry, SS.CC he will be talking about the Good Samaritan in All of Us.
- Women's prayer breakfast was successful on October 11th with 50 women attending and an inspiring talk by Dotti Hulburt.
- Sister Maureen is leading the next book discussion, March 4th on the Gift of the Red Bird by Paula D'Arcy.
- Our Parish Mission beginning on March 29th is in the planning stages and Faithful Families is the theme.

Middle School Youth Ministry:

- Continuing to meet on 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month; averaging between 18 and 25 students per meeting.
- They are starting to plan their retreat in May.

High School and Young Adult Women Ministries:

- High School Youth Group continues with Monday Night Mass music; and service to the church and community.
- The theme of the high school retreat, “Be the Change”, added to the excitement of the recent event on January 23 to 25th. The leadership team of young adults was great.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This continues with a regular group of young people comfortable with silence; and yet needing the fellowship of others.
- Rory Griffin will be teaching a mini-course on “Believing in a Media Culture”.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

- LOWC is doing well.

Sacramental Preparation:

- Twenty-three candidates are preparing for First Communion, which will be held May 23 at the 5:00PM Mass, and May 24 at the 10:30AM Mass.
- Bishop Chavez will be at STM to celebrate Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st at the 10:30AM Mass. Twenty-two teens and four adults will be confirmed.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 20-24. The theme will be Crocodile Dock!

Finance Council

- No new information to report.

Development Council

- At this time, three restaurants will help us with fundraising; the dates are pending and hope to be set up for the last Wednesday of the month. In order for STM to receive a percentage of the sales, each family is required to bring a flyer to the restaurant on the date of the event.
- Canned Goods Collections-STM will be collecting food throughout the year for North County Food Bank in San Marcos. Canned goods will be collected at all Masses and the food bank will supply the barrels and pick up the donations when the barrels are full.
- Annual Catholic Appeal assessment will be the same as last year, \$34K.
- The next New Member Reception luncheon dates are March 1, and October 4, 2009.
- Matt Rumps is the new Chairperson of the vehicle donation committee.

Social Ministries

No new information to report.

Marriage and Family Life

No new information to report.

PO&E

Liturgy Committee

7. Upcoming Events for PR Release

Contact Anne Marshall if needed.

8. Emerging Issues

There were no issues to discuss.

9. Clergy Comments

The 10th Annual Golf Classic will Be held on Friday May 1. The golf tournament will be at Fallbrook Country Club and the miniature golf tournament will be held at Booners, evening festivities with dinner and auctions.

10. Closing Prayer

Led by Doug D'Agrosa.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Our next Pastoral Council meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2009 Rory Griffin will lead the opening and closing prayers.