

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: February 10, 2010

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

1. Opening Prayer

Doug D'Agrosa led the opening prayer.

2. Roll Call

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were:

Name	Role
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair
Marti Harper	Secretary
Rory Griffin	Faith Formation & Evangelization Chair
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Dick & Charlene Belprez	Social Ministries Chair
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison
Jen Frost	Marriage and Family Life Chair
Pat & Lisa Attardo	Parish Organizations & Events Chair
Those not in Attendance were:	
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair
Chris Smith	Director of Stewardship and Development

3. Agenda Review

4. Council Member Updates

The council welcomed Pat and Lisa Attardo, the new chairs of Parish Organizations & Events, and Jen Frost, the new chair of Marriage & Family Life. After quite some time, **all** positions on the Pastoral Council are now filled.

5. Old Business

Marriage and Family Life

Concerns regarding low attendance and the demographics of the group were discussed. STM is considering combining their activities with those of St. John the Evangelist in Encinitas to enlarge the group. Recent activities included bowling at Vista Entertainment Center and a Valentine's Day dinner. Upcoming events starting in March include Wii championships, volunteering at the MS Society in April and working on post grad cleanup at RBV in June. Information on ACTTS is now listed on the diocese website.

6. New Business

Pastoral Council Charter

Doug D'Agrosa supplied the council with copies of an original STM charter with some basic revisions reflecting current practices, including updated mission statement, council positions, timelines and term limits. The council will review this working copy and suggest further revisions of its content at the next meeting.

7. Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee

- ***RCIA:***

Seven candidates and one catechumen continue to prepare for the Easter Vigil, April 3rd. They will have their retreat at Mission San Luis Rey March 6th.

- ***Religious Education for Adolescents and Children:***

R.E.A.C.H. will organize Operation Rice Bowl for Lent.

- ***Adult Religious Education Committee***

Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jan 9th) was well attended.

A series of retreats for both youth and adults were in January

The Parish Mission is Feb. 27 –March 4th, with Fr Jude Winkler

Bookies presentations are every other month

Re-discovering Catholicism I is concluding

Re-discovering Catholicism II begins starts April 6th

Two special presentations by Yaja Boren, a concentration camp survivor, TBA

- ***Middle School Youth Ministry***

PUSH is going well and meeting twice a month.

- **High School Youth Ministry**

The annual retreat in January was very successful (65 attendees). Youth group meets weekly and monthly Adoration continues. Steubenville San Diego is July 23-25th.

- **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Program is going well.

- **Sacramental Preparation**

27 are preparing for Holy Eucharist at three Masses spread over three weekends
35 teens are preparing for Confirmation.

Finance Council

We are behind in our budget projections (\$73K) after the first six months; the Sunday Offertory Collection, Christmas Collection and Did U Know? campaign are all down. Though typical for the first six months, we can usually make it up, mainly because of the Golf Classic and Dinner held at the end of April. The Finance Council will watch the budget closely in the coming months.

Development Council

No report

Social Ministries

There is concern over transportation issues for many seeking services from various community organizations.

Stewardship Awareness Weekend was very successful for the four ministries featured.

The Christmas Angel Ministry successfully served five local organizations and 25 families at St. Peter Claver's.

Culture of Life is having a "40 Days for Life" prayer and fasting vigil Feb. 17-March 28th at a local abortion clinic.

More's Workers has transitioned into a more formal group of 70 members lead by Jerry Gayvert.

More volunteers are needed for the sick and homebound

The "Just Faith" introductory workshop is on Sat. Feb. 20th the program will be offered in the fall

St. Bonaventure Mission collection was a huge success in November.

PO&E

The 11th Annual Golf Classic is April 30th.

Historian, Anne Marshall, needs help archiving photos and also asks for prior notice of events.

The Knights of Columbus would like to coordinate their events with the Adult Choir to increase ticket sales.

2010 Parish Campout in Valley Center is June 4-6th.
Parish Potlucks are scheduled for Feb. 5th and May 7th.
The Senior Ministry (Spirited Seniors) has a bus trip to Huntington Library Feb. 25th
The Women's Guild fashion show is May 22nd.
Catholic Widows and Widowers now have 60 members among several local parishes
and are looking for meeting space.

Liturgy Committee

STM hosted a formation workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers on Jan. 30th with 165 attendees.
Rosary of Peace will be in October.

8. Upcoming Events for PR Release

This item will be omitted from future agendas.

9. Emerging Issues

Doug re-emphasized that committee needs and concerns are to be brought to the Pastoral Council for review and resolution.

10. Clergy Comments

The 25th Anniversary of STM will be celebrated October 17th. Bishop Brom will preside at the 10:30 am Mass. A committee will form in June to plan informal festivities. A tailgate party in the parking lot is a possible consideration.

The Parish Mission promises to be excellent. Fr Mike encourages all council members to participate in the informal Parish Leadership and Staff session on February 27th.

The 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun; STM's goal has been increased by \$9,000.

Phase II of the Capital Campaign reports that \$925,000 has already been pledged from only 25% of the parish. Fr. Mike is optimistic that we will reach our goal by Easter.

11. Closing Prayer

All members participated in The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Our next Pastoral Council meeting is May 5th.

Dick and/or Charlene Belprez will lead the opening prayer.