

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: November 3, 2010

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

1. Opening Prayer

Lisa Attardo 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
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison
Jen Frost	Marriage and Family Life Chair
Dick & Charlene Belprez	Social Ministries Chair
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Rory Griffin	Faith Formation & Evangelization Chair
Those not in attendance were	
Chris Smith	Director of Stewardship and Development
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair

3. Agenda Review

4. Old Business

The final copy of the Pastoral Council Charter was distributed with a revision date of 8/4/10.

25th Anniversary Celebration:

In spite of inclement weather, the 25th Anniversary Mass (with Bishop Brom officiating) and the **October Fest** celebration that followed was a great success.

STM T-shirts

STM 25th Anniversary T-shirts are still available for \$10.00.

5. New Business

Discussion on the building of our permanent church and administrative buildings are included under Clergy Comments

6. Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee

Evangelization

Position still vacant

RCIA

Rite of Welcome Aug. 8th for 2 catechumens and one candidate

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Special education class has more than doubled in size

Adult Religious Education Committee

- Aug. 27th – “An Evening of Worship With Love Resonate” Marc Raymundo’s band offered an evening of reflection and music attended by 75-80 people of all ages
- Sept 8th - What a Difference a Day Makes with Fr. Rich Lewandowski – 40 attendees in am and 60 attendees in pm reflected on our Baptism and how it affects our lives
- week of Sept. 13th - Just Faith - Four groups of 10-12 attendees meet weekly
- Oct. 9th – Men's Prayer Breakfast with Abbot Charles Wright was attended by 32 men
- Oct. 19th Fr. Mike's Bookies - Small group discussion of the book “Compassion”
- Nov. 12-13th Women's Retreat with speaker, Tammy Evevard
- Nov. 24th - Children of Abraham Prayer Service

Middle School Youth Ministry

EPIC – Encrypting People in Christ

- Meets twice a month – attendance is up and growing - Will start Stand Up For Kids Christmas Backpack Drive

High School Youth Ministry

- Monday Night Youth Group meets weekly with attendance up and growing
- Looking for new retreat center location and moving dates to the spring
- LEAD – Leadership Evangelization and Discipleship – meeting Tuesdays to develop a youth leadership team to help lead peers to Christ

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Going well but always looking for more facilitators to cover both Masses

Sacramental Preparation

Thirty-one young participants ages 7-14 are preparing for First Reconciliation Sun., Nov. 28th @ 4pm

Finance Council

Completed first quarter in the red 55K, including 28K carried over from last year. This year's budget was based on numbers from last year with the knowledge that more expenses post in the first half of the year than in the latter half, while more money comes in during the last six months, making up most of the difference. However, each year we fall just a little bit further behind. Money from the Capital Campaign is held back to cover debt just until other money comes in.

Development Council

The Capital campaign continues.

Dine-out fundraisers continue - next one at Elephant Bar on Nov. 10th (20% goes to STM)

Social Ministries

Brother Beno's Collections

Toiletries successfully collected in Sept. Mike Nickels has taken over this activity at least on a temporary basis. Thanksgiving pies will be collected again this year

Brother Beno's Kitchen Servers

keep

serving breakfast the first Saturday of each month

Christmas Angel Tree

2010/2011 season has begun and the tree will be up on the weekend of Nov. 13-14th

Fraternity House

More's Workers did an assessment of repair projects but awaiting go-ahead and funds

Janis Treat

volunteered to do bookkeeping; John Fredette assessing computer needs

Fr. Ken Memorial walk on Oct. 24th collected \$450

More's Workers

Six members joined 294 other volunteers to paint 12 houses in San

Marcos organized by United We Paint

North County Solutions for Change

Twenty parishioners attended the Open House on Sept. 25th

Coordinating delivery of clothing and furniture

St. Bonaventure Mission

Knights of Columbus had too many activities that limited support for the November clothing drive

Need chairman in place by July to support drive

PO&E

Golf Classic- Jim & Suzy Bailey will step down as chairs (due to relocating). Planning will begin in January for this event at Arrow Wood Golf Course.

Historian position

still remains open. Anne Marshall will continue PR and publicity but looking for someone to convert photos to digital electronic files

Knights of Columbus – Matt Perun is the new Grand Knight replacing Jim Baker. The group is busy with corporate communion, monthly breakfast, selling entertainment books, supporting the NCSC Open House, helping at Treasures 2010, breakfast for the Women's Retreat. They will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for NCSC and selling Christmas cards. A spring membership drive is planned

Women's Guild- Game Day on Nov. 20th; Polish Christmas Luncheon with Fr. Mike in Dec.

Senior Ministry - "Treasures 2010" flea market on Sat. Nov. 6th; "Curtains" play @ the Avo; Advent Luncheon planned in Dec.

Social Activities – 25th Anniversary party

Catholic Widows & Widowers - group meeting at STM on Jan. 23rd with approx. 30 members planning to attend the 10:30 Mass and brunch to follow

Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center in Julian is looking for an Ambassador from STM to receive information on upcoming events. An appeal will be made through the parish bulletin. Dick & Charlene Belprez will volunteer in the interim.

Liturgy Committee

Nov. 21st - Annual Thanksgiving Concert @ 4:00pm; canned goods requested for food pantry at Interfaith Community Services
Nov. 24th - Children of Abraham (Interfaith event) @ 7:00pm
Jan. 29th - STM will host Eucharistic Minister and Reader Workshop. The need for more Eucharistic Ministers for the sick and homebound was addressed.

Liturgy Minister and Liturgy Mass surveys will be distributed to all ministers/readers and the Liturgy Committee members respectively

Art & Environment Committee - Mary Castle is the new chairperson and will be recruiting new members

Marriage & Family Life

ACCTS

ACCTS joined with North County Young Adults (NCYA), an organization of individuals in their 20's and 30's from multiple No. Co. Catholic parishes. The groups continue to work together with both religious and social events

Family Life

February 13, 2011 - World Marriage Day - plans to recognize married couples in a fun way

Marriage preparation program available through the diocese

Engagement Encounter - weekend and evenings programs available (help needed for evenings)

Family Services - offers assistance and support for marriages in need

Beginning Experience - program through the diocese for recently divorced or widowed

Catholic Widows & Widowers - continues to be one of the most active groups in the parish with several activities per month

8. Clergy Comments

Children of Abraham - an Interfaith prayer service with a priest, Fr. Mike, a rabbi, Rabbi Ben Leinow, and Brother Nader Dehaini and Brother Usman Khan, from a local Mosque, on Wed., Nov. 24th @ 7pm with a small reception to follow

Annual Catholic Appeal – this year STM chose a goal of 43K. Any money collected over the goal has, in the past, gone back to the parish. However, due to increased diocesan needs (i.e. legal settlements, payback to high schools etc.), the parishes will no longer get money back.

Building of Permanent Church – joint meeting between all three parish councils On Fri., Dec. 3rd @ 6:30pm to discuss the implications of what STM is taking on with a \$5.6M loan from the diocese and how that will impact the current and future operating budgets with additional buildings to maintain.

9. Closing Prayer

All members participated in The Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled on February 2nd.

Jen Frost will lead the opening prayer.