

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: August 3, 2011

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

All members recited the 25th Anniversary 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
Jen Frost	Marriage & Family Life Chair
Dick & Charlene Belprez	Social Ministries Chair
Those not in attendance were	
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair
Patrick & Lisa Attardo	Parish Organizations & Events Chair

3. Agenda Review

4. Old Business

5. New Business

The next New Member Reception is Sunday, Sept. 18th at noon on the lower level.

6. Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee

- **Evangelization**

Vacant – no report

- **Ecumenical & Inter-religious Affairs**

2011 Children of Abraham event being planned

- **RCIA**

All sessions will be Sunday mornings starting this month

Two candidates and one catechumen have begun the process of initiation. Three others are in the inquiry stage.

- **Religious Education for Adolescents and Children**

VBS 2011 - "Pandamania" was a huge success with 270 in attendance including crew members, crew leaders, & station leaders

- **Adult Religious Education Committee**

June 8th - "You Tube and Faith" with John Fredette went well

August 10th - "How Does the Internet Intersect with the Road for Life?" potluck (6pm) & presentation (7pm) hosted by Lorraine Doering

August 17th - "The Future Church" Bookies series has been rescheduled again pending Fr. Mike's recovery.

- **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Continually looking for facilitators especially for the 8:30 Masses as we head into the fall schedule

- **EPIC - Middle School Youth Ministry**

New plan to involve parents within program to better facilitate and discuss issues

- **IGNITE - High School Youth Ministry**

72 teens (30% from LEAD) participated at Steubenville San Diego the end of July

LEAD - Young Adult Ministry

Preparing for fall Ignite programs and Confirmation Retreat

LIGHTS

First worship concert was held on Friday, June 10th with over 200 people in attendance from three counties

Second Lights night scheduled for August 20th

Women's Fellowship

Monthly or quarterly meetings will discontinue due to the women's inability to attend regularly

Second Annual Women's Retreat at the Parish, "Becoming", on Sept.30 - Oct. 1, with guest speaker, Tammy Evevard

Spring Women's Breakfast being planned

• Men's Fellowship

Meets the second Friday of the month 7:00-8:30pm

First Annual STM Men's Retreat will be in Julian on October 14-16th

Finance Council

STM ended its fiscal year (6/30/11) in the black. Offertory collections are up 5% from what was budgeted last year. The budget for the new fiscal year is in progress.

Development Council

Council Meeting rescheduled for Aug. 17th

Tower Newsletter was mailed out last week

Restaurant Fundraising – Mrs. Taco brought in \$450 in July and Famous Dave's is currently under way for August.

Social Ministries

Three ministries have begun the monthly bulletin articles

Working with parish staff and parishioners to evaluate forming a buying club to obtain bulk-buying discounts for members

Brother Benno's Collections - Deacon Tom Goeltz has resumed role as chairman. Toiletry and underwear drive will be in October.

CPR - program trained its 400th student in June

Culture of Life - Kick-off meeting is in August to promote October Life Walk. Parish reps will attend Mother of Life Conference at USD on August 13th

Christmas Angels – Information and brainstorming meeting for the new season is scheduled for October 19th

Fraternity House & Michaelle House – Some disruption in agency leadership. Various projects by committee members and More's Workers are on hold

Just Faith – Closing retreat in May at San Luis Rey Mission and graduation June 9th

North County Solutions for Change - Parish fundraising appeal is scheduled for Aug. 6th & 7th. A speaker will be at all Masses this weekend. STM has committed to funding a family for three years at \$7500/yr. Delivery of furniture and household goods continue. A drive to collect donated books and reselling them on the Internet is also in progress.

Social Justice Committee - Inviting parishioners to sign up for email notification of social justice issues

St Bonaventure Mission - Knights of Columbus organizing clothing drive for November 5/6

PO&E

Golf Classic - The event raised \$60,000. The Vodka tasting party is scheduled in September and the proceeds will be added to the total amount.

Historian – Position remains open.

Knights of Columbus – Meetings are monthly; next meeting August 2, 2011 @ 7pm.

Senior Ministry – Board meetings resume in September to begin planning future activities. Treasures 2011 Community Flea market will be October 8. Planning is underway. Next meeting is August 16. Volunteers needed.

Social Activities – July 8 -10th campout was fun for all. The idea of a parish cookbook came out of gathering. August 28 is the Third Annual Pastor Dinner.

Women's Guild – June 5 was the quilt raffle. The final meeting was held on June 11. New officer installation has Vera Bayliss replacing Valerie Thompson as president. The group will resume in September following summer break.

Marriage & Family Life

“Marriage Moments” & “Parenting Pointers” are now staples in the weekly bulletin along with excerpts from “Bishops Letter on Marriage”

Themed events continue each month

ACCTS continues to work with North County Young Adults

Engaged Encounter Weekend – newly designed program ready to be introduced in Sept.

Liturgy Committee

February 4, 2012 – Liturgy training for Lay Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Art & Environment Committee - Help needed for weekly plant care.

Fresh Flower Arrangement policy now in effect: During Ordinary Time, parishioners may donate flowers to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion. \$75.00 will provide the arrangement, including tax & delivery.

7. Emerging Issues

8. Clergy Comments

Another meeting of the interior design team and staff with both the architect and contractor is set for August 9th to finalize plans

The next quarterly meeting with the diocese will be on September 14th.

Groundbreaking will probably take place in January, and will coincide with Stewardship Month.

Hopefully, the dedication of the new church will be around June 21, 2013, the vigil of the feast of St. Thomas More

STM is now on Facebook & Twitter

Our visiting seminarian, Ricardo, is making a trip back to his home in Mexico, then to France and finally to World Youth Day, returning at the end of August

Fr. Freddy D'Souza, originally from India, is visiting STM from Bahrain for 10 days.

Fr. Mike met him in Dubai.

The Social Justice Committee worked with the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice at a rally at the Shadowridge Albertson's to pray for upcoming negotiations between the union and store management

The heads of all three Parish Councils met last week discussing how to move into the next phase of our capital campaign

9. Closing Prayer

All members participated in The Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Marti Harper will lead the opening prayer.