

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: November 30, 2011

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

1. 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
Ron Briseno	Development Council 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
Chris Smith	Director of Stewardship and Development
Those not in attendance were:	
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair

Also present were Kevin McCusker, our new parish photographer, and Brandon Oswald, our new parish historian.

3. Agenda Review

4. Old Business

5. New Business

Chris Smith provided the council with a timeline/summary of the upcoming plans for the Capital Campaign and Stewardship Awareness:

- 1) Thank you & update information letter mailed to entire parish Dec. 2nd
- 2) Letter mailed to all ACH/CC contributors Dec. 12th
- 3) Interim one year mini-campaign, Phase 2.1, begins in January with \$500,000 goal
- 4) New Stewardship Brochure will be mailed out by Jan. 20th
- 5) Stewardship Awareness Month weekend schedule:
 - a) Jan. 14-15 - Fr. Mike/or Lay Witness talks
 - b) Jan. 21-22 - Bill Ipsen talks/reviews mini campaign info & brief overview of future mortgage
 - c) Jan. 28-29 - Lay Witness/or Fr. Mike talks
 - d) Jan. 29th (2pm) - Bishop Brom here for official groundbreaking ceremony
- 6) Towers of Faith Reception is Jan. 22nd from 3-5pm at the Rectory
- 7) New Member Reception is Sunday, Feb. 19th at 12 pm

Anne Fallone will be heading the groundbreaking ceremony committee.
Robert Habiger will be giving a virtual tour of our permanent church on Wednesday, Dec. 14th of 7pm on the lower level.

6. Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee

RCIA

Two catechumens preparing for Baptism and three candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation

RCIA Retreat January 21st at San Louis Rey

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

All levels in progress with good attendance

Adult Religious Education Committee

“Just Faith” program in progress

“The Word on Fire” series “Catholicism” – ten-part movies series narrated by Fr. Barron

Middle School Youth Ministry

Transformed the middle school program to the EDGE program on REACH nights

High School Youth Ministry

Monday Night Youth Group meets weekly with 70-80 in attendance
Confirmation Retreat was Sept. 23-25 at Camp Kooper
Confirmation candidate & sponsors will have retreat at STM Jan. 21

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Continual need for facilitators to offer LOWC at both the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

Sacramental Preparation

34 celebrated Reconciliation on Sunday, Nov. 27th
First Communion will be celebrated June 2-3, 2012
21 teens & one adult preparing for Confirmation in 2012 (date TBA)

Finance Council

Parish finances are going well. The Sunday collection is up 1.4%
With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year, Fr. Mike will appeal to parishioners to make both the Sunday offering and a Christmas offering, otherwise we may lose approximately \$10,000 in revenue.

Development Council

Annual Catholic Appeal – currently, \$52,055 pledged towards our assessment of \$48,000
Capital Campaign - 74% of parish has participated, collecting \$1.4 million toward our goal of \$2 million
Scrip - sales have earned \$4,600 to date in 2011; chair position is open
Restaurant Fundraiser – Mortony's, Dec. 6-7th
Golf Classic – additional \$3000 from Vodka Tasting Party & Pastor's Dinner

Social Ministries

Bulletin articles continue each month featuring different ministries.
The Christmas Angel Ministry is in full swing with the collection of toys and stocking items as well as the adoption of 40+ Camp Pendleton families.
Due to committee reorganization within Fraternity House, STM volunteers have put improvement & repair projects on hold
More's Workers are beginning a three-week renovation project on a low-income family apartment
Project Linus held a Nov. 17th coffee/workshop. The 12 members have contributed 40 blankets for the sick, abused and needy children.
Taking the Eucharist to the homebound is easier now with three ministers.

Marriage & Family Life

2011 Calendar complete
ACCTS - Lorraine using both email blast & Facebook account to distribute No. Co. Young Adult messages to STM community
Engaged Encounter – newly designed program complete

PO&E

Golf Classic 2012 – Skip Wilson will chair again

Historian – Brandon Oswald has taken this position

Knights of Columbus – Assisted Treasures 2011; St. Bonaventure clothing drive and NCSC dinner in

November. Jim Baker will be new Grand Knight

Senior Ministry – Viejas Casino & Outlet trip in October; planning tour/wine tasting at Bernardo

Winery in December

Parish Potluck – group continues busy schedule of dinners and other social events monthly

Women's Guild – Bake sale & Quilted Items Sale made \$4000 for building fund

John & Wendy Murphy will chair Treasures 2012

Liturgy Committee

Hospitality Ministry - new member and new collection procedures training; continuing need for more ministers

Eucharistic Ministry – new positions for distributing Holy Communion and usage of appropriate names for vessels

Anna Meyer is looking for another helper with Altar Linens

Art & Environment welcomed five new members

Interior Design Team is reviewing Liturgical Artists for furnishings

7. Emerging Issues

8. Clergy Comments

48 people accompanied Fr. Mike on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November. The parish can anticipate a very exciting year with the construction of the new church beginning soon.

The 2012 Council Calendar will be distributed.

9. Closing Prayer

All council members recited the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29th, 2012 at 7pm.

Doug D'Agrosa will lead the opening prayer.