

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
February 29, 2012

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Opening Prayer

Doug D'Agrosa led the opening prayer.

Roll Call

Parish Council Member attendance:

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Name	Role		
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor	X	
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair	X	
Marti Harper	Secretary	X	
Rory Griffin	Faith Formation & Evangelization Chair	X	
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair		X
Dick & Charlene Belprez	Social Ministries Chair	X	
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison	X	
Jen Frost	Marriage and Family Life Chair		X
Patrick & Lisa Attardo	Parish Organizations & Events Chair	X	
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair		X

Agenda Review

Old Business

New Business

The overall consensus of the council was that the Groundbreaking Ceremony went extremely well.

Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee

- ***RCIA***

Currently there are three catechumens (preparing for Baptism) and one candidate (preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation)

Coordinators: Jim & Marilyn Day

RCIA Retreat was held on Jan 21st at Mission San Luis Rey

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

All levels doing well with good participation

- ***Adult Religious Education Committee***

Just Faith program postponed due to little response

The Word of Fire series "Catholicism" completed

New on-line Bookies program using Facebook

- ***Middle School Youth Ministry***

The middle school program has been transformed into the EDGE program on REACH nights

- ***High School Youth Ministry***

IGNITE and LEAD groups doing well

Marc Raymundo has moved a full time position at J Serra Catholic School –

Rory Griffin has stepped in as Interim Youth Advocate. Applicants are currently being reviewed for the position.

Steubenville San Diego is July 27-29

- ***Liturgy of the Word for Children***

Still looking for more facilitators so LOWC can be offered to both 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

- ***Sacramental Preparation***

First Holy Communion: all Masses June 2/3. Bret & Jolene Schanzenbach are catechists for parent meetings

Confirmation: May 20th

Twenty-one teens and one adult

Retreat will be moved from January to September

Weekly Mass/Class (8:30 Mass) began Jan. 29th

Finance Council

No report at this time

Development Council

No report at this time

Social Ministries

- **Blood Drive** –
- scheduling in late May
- **Brother Benno's Collection** – March 10/11
- **Brother Benno's Kitchen Servers** – 5-9 volunteers serve breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. The team intends to serve a meal at the Solutions for Change shelter in July
- **Christmas Angels** – The ministry had another good year providing toys, family gifts and baby items. However, the decrease in the number of volunteers this year lead to a discussion on how to appeal to the parish for help for many ministries. Marti Harper is seeking a co-chair to help her with this ministry.
- **CPR** – The response to the “hands only” CPR technique is very good. 414 certified parishioners; two parishioners becoming instructors
- **Culture of Life** – Excellent response to petition signing for two initiatives
- **Just Faith** – Both groups are going strong
- **More's Workers** – The labor provided by this ministry saves Interfaith Community Services thousands of dollars that they would have to spend on contractors. A large apartment renovation was completed for a family in time for Christmas. In February, the garden storage area was upgraded at Sr. Maureen & Sr. Annette's home
- **North County Solutions for Change** -Kevin & Lyn Leahy are the new chairpersons
- **St. Bonaventure Mission** – Clothing drive scheduled for Nov. 10/11. Looking for ways to reduce cost of transporting donations to New Mexico. The Belprez' will tour the mission in May.

PO&E

- **Golf Classic** – This event is now the **First Annual Gala** and will be chaired by **Chris Smith**. This will be the major fund raising event of the year. It was difficult to get the golfers to participate. However, the dinner party and auction was always successful. The changes to this group should maximize the fundraising and eliminate the areas that were not successful. This committee needs volunteers.
- **Historian – Brandon Oswald** - wants to add people to his committee – up to 3, no skills necessary just need an interest. He needs a photographer. He

continues to work on backlog of photos in the storage area. In the new church offices he hopes the library will be restored. He wants to make exhibits.

- **Knights of Columbus – Jim Baker** - not present, no report submitted.
- **Senior Ministry – Judy Buoniconti** – 100% social for 50 and up. No fundraising. They have monthly outings with good turnouts. Next meeting is with the Women’s guild for a day of Recollection March 22. Fr. Efrain celebrating mass. May 17 – bus trip to Our Lady of Angles Cathedral in LA – Fr. Mike celebrating mass, lunch to follow.
- **Social Activities – Henny Jocelyn** – no campout date yet. Holy Thursday dinner – need host families and guest family – everyone should participate, very fun.
- **Walking Ministry – Diane Pal** - New group had 40 people sign up. They walk Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. They meet in front of the church.
- **Women’s Guild and Deanery – Vera Bayliss** – January auction and February Fashion show were very successful. Fashion Show raised over \$4000.00 Meet next on March 17. March 24-25 Bake sale. April 14 – game day.
- **Treasures Flea Market – John & Wendy Murphy** – First meeting in March. Need volunteers.

Liturgy Committee

- **Ministry Training** - Feb. 4th @ STM - 60 participants from the North County Deanery
- Presenters:
Mary Ann Fallon – Theology of the Mass
Kathy Arciero – Theology of the Lector
Gloria Price-Williams – Lector Preparation
Ann Buko, Jean McCloskey and Carol Cope – Eucharist to the Sick & Homebound
- **Art & Environment** - Feb 21st -12 ministers change décor from Ordinary Time to Lent; Mary Castle designed the new Lenten art; volunteers always needed for this busy season
- **Music Ministry** - The STM music ministry will be the musicians at the Diaconate Ordination Mass in LA on May 25th when John Fredette will be among the ordained
- **Hospitality Ministry** - Need more ministers for all Masses
- **Altar Linen Ladies** - Need for back up helpers

Marriage & Family Life

Plans for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day events in progress

Emerging Issues

After much discussion, the council decided to address the need for recruiting more stewards to assist parish organizations at the next meeting. Chris Smith & Lorraine

Doering will be invited to the meeting to help brainstorm on ways to encourage stewardship.

Clergy Comments

- Second update on the new construction will be in the bulletin.
- Artists are now being hired to design original pieces for the new church.
- Chris Smith will chair the Annual Gala for this first year only and until someone steps forward to chair
- No priest was present for the 8:30 Mass Feb. 25th but an impromptu communion service was performed by John Fredette
- Fr. Mike gave his medical update – the laser procedure was very successful, relieving most of his pain.
- A recommendation was made to make the Youth Advocate position a full time position. The council voted unanimously to approve the recommendation and send it to the Finance Council

Closing Prayer

All members participated in the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm .

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for May 9th.

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