

St. Thomas More

Parish Council Minutes

August 19, 2019

Members Present: Naomi Becker, Jeff Case, Keith Cash, Tom Clinton, Joe Hobbs, Theresa Owens, Jennifer Todd, Richard Vieitez, Fr. Brad Whistle, and Kathy Willett

Members Absent: Frank Bosh, David Riley, and Miguelina Young

Opening Prayer: Fr. Brad

No changes were made to the June minutes.

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

We assigned new Ministry assignments for the Council for the 2019-2020 year.

Miguelina Young: Music and Worship

David Riley: Religious Education and Formation

Theresa Owens: Social Concerns (Parish Outreach)

Frank Bosh: Social Concerns (Catholic Service Organizations and Community Outreach)

Kathy Willett and Tom Clinton: Parish Life

Naomi Becker: Family Life Ministry

Jeff Case: Administration and Finance

Richard Vieitez: Communications

Joe Hobbs: Stewardship

Keith Cash: Spiritual Enrichment Opportunity

The Council discussed how to close the loop between Ministry concerns. It was brought to our attention at recent LPI meeting that some people would like a call instead of an email. We determined when reaching out to your newly assigned ministries, ask which method they prefer to be contacted with. Email, phone call, text, etc. When there is a concern with a particular ministry, We need to give them feedback after it was discussed at PC meeting.

The option of using the hospitality room instead of the nursery at 9:00 Mass was discussed. Your Family could stay in there all together and Mass is broadcasted live on tv.

Jennifer reporter on Parish Picnic. It will be held on October 20,2019 from 2:30-5:00. There will be a meal, games, hat rides, beer garden and much more. A couple of new things this year, We will have a bluegrass band and there will be a Family pumpkin decorating contest. Council was asked to donate extra 2 liters for bottle toss, and/ or small gift cards or other small gifts for bingo prizes. Jennifer will check with Camille and see if She needs any other help with set up, clean up or serving of the meal.

Council reflected on LPI retreat held at Church on August 17, 2019. It was asked to reflect on what your talents and strengths are. How do we add more Parishioners to channel in on their strengths to do more at Church? If we Pray about it, God will lead you where you need to be.

Ministry Reports:

Theresa reported that the Stewardship Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday September 14th at 9:00a.m

Commitment weekend is scheduled for September 14/15. Stewardship members are needed to hold baskets for each Mass.

They looked at the proposed Stewardship brochure that is going to be out entitled Putting Your Faith into Action and made suggestions on improving the looks, wording, etc.

Frank reported the Hope Unlimited Gala is September 17th. This is the 30th Anniversary Gala. It is the biggest fundraiser for Hope Unlimited.

Knights of Columbus: The St. Thomas More Council 11591 is working on fundraising for the NCYC group.

St. Francis Council 1055 helped with concessions for the big brown truck pull. They are working the hot August blues festival on August 23 and 24 as a fundraiser. They are working the Family Kitchen on August 24th providing meals. They are getting ready for Labor Day bbq sales.

St. John Council 10962 joined 1055, 11591 and Assembly 312 where each Council purchased an 8x8 brick for \$200 each from St. Mary boosters to build a concession walkway.

Daughters of Isabella: Every month they donate money towards a Mass at a different Paducah Church. Every month they send a check to Hope Unlimited and purchase a table annually at the Gala. They also send a check monthly to Child Watch. They voted in new officers. They say the Rosary at every meeting.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry (PCM): They had the 5th annual moonlight ride on July 28. They set a record with the number of riders this year raising more than \$20,000.

PCM solution needed: PCM is challenged with a serious transportation dilemma in getting food for our emergency pantry delivered from Mayfield to Paducah. They donate to 400 low income seniors and 450 emergency assistance households on average monthly.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Brad

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2019 in the Sacred Heart Room.