

St. Thomas More

Parish Council Minutes

November 18, 2019

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

Members Absent: Frank Bosh and Keith Cash

Opening Prayer: Fr. Brad

No changes were made to the October minutes

Announcements: Reminder that there is not a meeting in December.

Old Business: Joe Hobbs announced he met with Steve DuPerrieu and they attended a webcast seminar from The Christian Brothers about the security of Parishoners and the Church. He also said there would be surveillance cameras installed. A professional will come in and survey the property to know the best place to install the cameras. There may also be additional door codes. That would give liberty to keep the doors locked for more safety. Also, talked about adding additional signage.

New Business: Theresa Owens volunteered to be organizer of next years Discernment process. The Council decided on May 11 and May 18th for the two dates of Discernment. It was later discovered that there was a scheduling conflict with the 11th so we will propose having it on May 4th and May 18th.

Frank reported that the Knights of Columbus Assembly 312 provided \$2000.00 to little soldier Christmas tree effort to provide Christmas gifts to the children of deployed soldiers in Clarksville. This included \$160 donated from St. Thomas More Parish picnic. 1055 St. Francis: Had successful Fall Fish fries which benefits St. Mary Seniors and the councils operating costs and they donated \$300 for food for Easter Seals Dance. 11591 St. Thomas: is having readings on providing over \$1500 to River city mission, \$1000 Mt. Carmel Garden of Angels, \$1000 to 1055 for BBQ help, \$499 to D of I for BBQ, up to \$500 to hope Unlimited for Ultrasound maintenance. They also donated \$100 for cakes for Easter Seals dance. 10988 St. Pius X: Donated \$200 for Easter Seals Dance decorations. 10962 St. Johns donated the Hall for the Nov 15th Easter Seals dance. The Daughters of Isabella decorated the Hall for the Easter Seals Dance and provided helpers to serve food and clean up. Continued monthly donations to hope unlimited, child watch, and Mass at local churches They reserved two tables at Hope Unlimited banquet. They are doing Church Christmas baskets and provided funds to a church youth group for elderly art project. They will have a Christmas Social on Dec 8th. and a Mass for deceased members at Rosary Chapel.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry (PCM) Is having a food drive on Nov. 23rd. Billy Lanier brought with him a considerable number of his handmade shawls, caps, and scarves in every size and color. Billy has been such a loyal supporter of PCM. The 40th ANNUAL INTERFAITH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION Hosted by FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, will be on November 24th.

Jeff reported that through the end of October, financially the Church is within budget for the 2019/2020 year. Sister Lucy's project is about to be complete. Painting will be done through the end of November. The total project will cost approximately \$55,000. So far, \$15,000 has been raised for the project. The outside Stations of the Cross project is in the beginning stages. Clearing, drainage and walkway have been complete. Planning for installation of the first Station is in progress. Each Station will cost \$8,000 to \$12,000.

Joe had a meeting with the Stewardship Committee. They are working on coming up with a mission statement. Their action plan will focus on the Church seasons. First the season of Advent will include flyers in bulletin to solicit Parish participation and will consist of viewing three videos, followed by the fourth video being reviewed by participants in the Parish Hall with a potluck meal on December 19. These videos will be accessible through the FORMED app. The second set of videos will be available starting in January, with the fourth video again, reviewed and discussed with the Parish members over pot luck meal. Stewardship Committee hopes many Parish Council members will take part in the videos and final discussions.

Kathy announced that the Couples in Christ Progressive dinner is scheduled for December 14. This is a fun event with a "dirty santa" gift exchange. Typically, the Progressive dinner is the most attended event of the year. The grounds committee is working to organize volunteers to set up Christmas decorations, including a large outdoor Nativity that is new this year.

Tom reported that the Boy Scouts has significantly increased the youth and adult registration fees for next year. Youth registration has gone from \$40 to \$72 and adults from \$40 to \$48. Steve Shoulta says he has always taken the position that the unit should pay for the adult registration fees and that will not change. Next pack meeting is December 12. Popcorn sales were down from last year. Popcorn deliveries are being made. James Sanders has stepped down as chairman of Mt. Carmel Cemetery Board. Howard Grief is presently the acting chairman. The concrete work has been completed on the new Garden of the Angels. Upgrades on the existing Garden of Angels has started. Both of these projects, weather permitting, should be completed by May. Work is also being done leveling monuments. Work on cemetery cleanup was postponed because of weather. All Souls Day Mass was lightly attended, also due to weather. After All Souls Day Mass, young adults and children helped clear the Garden of the Angels of flowers, toys, cement block markers and mulch. The Paducah Faith Formation (Ging Smith) and Hispanic Confirmation class (Norma Molina) did so much to help out Mr. Grief and the cemetery board expressed thanks to them. John Buford is now cemetery manager.

Theresa reported that the Elizabeth meals were finishing up meals for Dr. O'bryan Family. The Parish needs help with transportation, getting Parishoners to and from Church. Right now we only have three volunteers.

Naomi announced that Family Life Children's Ministry was having Second Sundays were they were getting more teens involved in Mass. They would like a Family Life Advisory Council started. She also announced that there were young Families, with young children, showing interest in having Sunday school.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Brad

The next meeting will be January 20, 2020 in the Sacred Heart Room.