**St. Thomas More**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 19, 2017**

Members Present:  Arthur Azar, Frank Bosh, Keith Cash, Mike Crider, Dianna Hand, Pam Malast, Bill Murphy, Amy Sullivan, Jennifer Todd, Fr. Brad Whistle, Kathy Willett

Members Absent:  Andrew DuPerrieu, Stacy Jones, Lisa Logsdon-Seay, Miguelina Sunderland, Tomi Zaninovich

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m., following a 6:30 potluck in the parish hall to visit, welcome new members of the council, and thank those leaving council. The council also acknowledged and celebrated Fr. Brad’s June 18 birthday from the day before.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting was made by Bill Murphy and seconded by Dianna Hand. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business**

* Victory Through Grace Ministries – presentation made by Kellie Russell, co-founder of Victory Through Grace Ministries, and her son, Gabe Russell. Informational folders were handed out to each member. Victory House is a restoration home in Paducah for women ages 18-35 who are victims of sex trafficking, sexual abuse, and/or sexually exploited, to gain self-worth and become a productive citizen who will impact future generations. They invited St. Thomas More to pray for trafficked victims, volunteer at Victory House, donate monetarily, or consider taking up a collection to assist them in their ministry.
* Upcoming Parish events
  + Feast Of St. Thomas More/Welcome for Fr. Al Bremer Potluck – Thursday, June 22 beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by potluck in the parish hall. Please bring a side or dessert to share (see bulletin for alphabetical name assignments). Church providing hamburgers and hot dogs.
  + Parish Picnic – Sunday, October 15. Contact Melisa Mast if you can volunteer. There will be a planning meeting on July 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.
* Schedule for meetings for the next year – It was agreed to continue meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., except in December and July (no meetings). Bill Murphy said January may be the 3rd Monday, but he will give ample notice to everyone.

**Old Business**

* Severe Weather Plan – Bill Murphy is waiting on Jim Hess to set up the computer in the music room before moving forward with signage and implementation. A training was held for radar monitors. Greeters and ushers are in the process of being consolidated, so a training will be held after that has been done. Bill will talk with Fr. Al Bremer regarding implementing at the Hispanic Mass.

**Ministry Reports**

Finance committee – Mike Crider reported that some new equipment has been purchased for the kitchen and it has been rearranged and worked well for a recent funeral. End of the year budget is being allocated and new budget coming in July. Wooden doors to church will be replaced, beginning first with the doors at the west side/handicapped entrance. A keypad similar to the one on the chapel will be put on the doors. The Baptismal font railing has been a recent addition.

Music – Pam Malast reported that the Stewardship committee suggested updating hospitality ministries such as the greeters and ushers, and Melisa and Jim are working on implementing those suggestions for fall. The choir and Jubilate choir are off for the summer. We do have quite a few new cantors so please thank them and compliment and encourage them when you hear them.

Bill Murphy will send a copy of the current ministry tree via email to all council members to consider for next meeting. Current members may choose different ministries than they have currently and new members will get assignments.

Amy Sullivan thanked everyone for their participation and stated she has enjoyed being on council and leading it this past year.

**June Closing Prayer** –Amy Sullivan

No July meeting.

Next meeting: August 28, 6:30 p.m.