

**St. Thomas More**

**Parish Council Minutes**

**September 16, 2019**

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

**Members Absent:** Keith Cash

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Brad

No changes were made to the August minutes.

The Parish Council had their annual group photo taken by Kristen Amaya.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business

**New Business:**

The Parish Picnic committee sent a sign up sheet to the Council meeting to get volunteers for additional help with serving food, and helping with games at the picnic. The picnic will be held on October 20. The Council was also reminded to bring in 2 liters and gift cards for prizes for bingo and the bottle toss. There will be a pumpkin carving contest and monetary donations will be accepted for the Little Soldiers fundraiser.

Joe reported that the Stewardship had their retreat for time, talent and treasure. He introduced himself to the Stewardship Committee as a member of the Parish Council.

Naomi reported for Family Life that The Second Sunday Mass had started where the Youth are involved with the Liturgical Ministries. They are working on getting speakers for education on Religious topics.

All teens going to NCYC got everything fully paid through fundraising and donation except the \$100 deposit that was required.

Tom announced that the Church is still seeking volunteers to work in the office, answering phones, etc.

Also announced that the Knights of Columbus were working on ideas of ways to become more visible and More involved at the picnic.

Frank announced that the Daughters of Isabella we're having their annual spaghetti lunch on September 29, from 11-2. They had two tables at the Hope Unlimited Gala.

The Knights of Columbus and Easter Seals West Kentucky present the Fall Dance Friday, November 15th. K of C will be at BBQ on the River on the 26th and need volunteers.

Kid C annual fundraiser for Little Soldiers Cordavinos- Metropolis- September 17

Kathy reported the last few meeting for Couples in Christ have been successful. Upcoming events include a bonfire this fall and annual progressive dinner in December.

Celebrate your Marriage is scheduled for February 8.

Young Couples-FORMED Family Faith Groups have begun. They are studying the series "Presence" which helps discover the powerful way God is present to us in the Eucharist. Young couples are invited to the Great Pumpkin Hunt on October 25.

Jeff reported for Administration and Finance saying financially we are on budget and continue watching carefully.

Work continues on Sister Lucy's house.

A ten piece Nativity scene was purchased for the plaza this Christmas.

Construction on the new Stations of the Cross has started by the rectory pond.

Scott Parsons (artist) and Karen Schmidt (consultant) we're here last month to continue work on the stain glass for the Sanctuary. They are finalizing the design for the windows.

Richard reported that Patrick Kerr, Director of Communications, was just finishing up with Stewardship, *Pray, Do, Give*. All books, letters, pew cards, etc comes from the Communications office. In addition, they carried that theme through to posters as well as our weekly email bulletin preview that goes out on Fridays. He will start working on picnic announcements and signage next.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Brad

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2019 in the Sacred Heart Room.