

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes for August 21, 2019

Members Present: Fr Frank Baumert, Betty Piskorski, Liz Fox, Karen Fogarty, Abby Skradski, Joe Pesek, Monica Mora-Handlos, Barb Boettger, Connie Gewinner

Members Absent: Travis Washington

Opening Prayer: Fr Frank opened the meeting with prayer.

NEW BUSINESS

MAJOR MEETING: Fr Frank would like to have a major meeting with the representatives in the leadership role of all the groups of the parish. This meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15th, 2019 in the cafeteria from 9 – 10:15am between the Masses.

We need accurate and updated information from all the different organizations. A brief description of what is going on with the group (their best information,) their goals, contact information and calendar if available. Each person in the leadership role is to bring something already written so all the information about each group can be brought up to date.

Each of the council members were asked to take responsibility to contact the head or person in the leadership role of each of these groups:

Karen Fogarty	Finance Committee
Barb Boettger	Outreach Committee, St. Vincent de Paul, Prayer Line
Joe Pesek	Men's Club, Athletic Club
Abby Stradski	Festival Committee, Religious Ed, Adoration Society
Monica Mora-Handlos	Musicians, Home & School
Liz Fox	WINGS, Hospitality/Greeters
Betty Piskorski	Legion of Mary, Pro-Life
Fr Frank	Knights of Columbus
Connie Gewinner	Funeral Luncheon, Lectors, EMHC, Liturgical Linens

We will have donuts from HyVee, orange juice and coffee. Barb will call Travis to take care of this.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Fr asked the council if we have a Stewardship Sunday here at STM. Fr used St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish as an example of Stewardship Sunday. All the ministry groups of the parish would be represented in one place each with information about their group, their goals, and handouts if available. Then interested parishioners would be able to ask any questions and sign up right there. Stewardship Sunday would come after the Major Meeting of the groups on September 15th. This would take the place of the Ministry Fair we had discussed in some of our past meetings.

TECHNOLOGY: Fr said we have to move forward as a parish. We have to think consciously as to who we are marketing to. We have 454 students at STM. We want to be conscious of connecting with our young families. Our outreach is to get more of our school parents involved in the parish. Technology comes to the forefront in connecting the school with the parents. A free email service is available called "Mail Chimp." Abby will work with Patty Settles, our parish secretary, to be able to get information to our parishioners also through email.

Fr talked with Jerry Hassett about a communication system called “Formed” offered through the Archdiocese. It offers to parish families Catholic movies, Bible Studies, just good family programming. The parish would pay the licensing fee which runs about \$1,600. The parishioners would then be asked to give a donation toward the purchase of the license.

SICK LIST: It was brought up to discontinue reading each individual name when we pray for the sick of our Parish during Mass. Fr will address this issue in his weekly letter so as to get feedback from the parishioners.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the rectory conference room.

Fr closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Gewinner