

## St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes

July 24, 2018

**Members Present:** Fr. Hunke, Betty Piskorski, Liz Fox, Travis Washington, Abby Skradski, Joe Pesek, Monica Mora-Handlos, Connie Gewinner

**Members Absent:** Emily Boisseree, Kelly Sobetski,

**Guest:** Joe Higgs

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Hunke

**GUEST SPEAKER:** This evening Joe Higgs from OTOC, Omaha Together One Community, was our guest speaker. He gave us his background and his interest in OTOC and in helping the community. OTOC has been the coalition of congregations, community organizations and other groups that share a commitment to renew the fabric of community life in Omaha. Organizing for an Omaha that works for all. He talked about a “listening” session. One way to learn the real needs and concerns of others.

We then had a “listening” session. Mr. Higgs asked each of us to introduce ourselves. Tell how long we have been in the parish, what keeps us here, just what is our connection to the St. Thomas More Community. He wanted us to “listen” and learn something about each member present that we didn’t already know. He was actually demonstrating to us what a “listening session” was all about.

He talked to us about a “house meeting” and what opportunities a house meeting provides?

He provided us with handouts about OTOC, its Action Teams, and what a house meeting is and is not.

After some discussion Abby mentioned a “house meeting” may be beneficial with our Religious Ed parents.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Due to a conflict in her schedule, Emily Boisseree will be stepping down from her position on the council. Fr. asked each of the members to ask one person they thought would make a good addition to the council to consider becoming a member.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30pm in the rectory.**

*Respectfully submitted by Connie Gewinner*