

## St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes

October 9, 2018

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Hunke opened the meeting with a prayer.

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER:** Barb Boettger introduced herself. Introductions were made around the table.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**CHURCH RENOVATION:** Fr. met with the architect, the contractor and the decorator. The panels in the back of church were not done to our specifications or satisfaction. They are insisting the panels look professional or be replaced; replacing one wall at a time.

The last pew is now in place in the back of church.

Other issues mentioned: no speaker in the cry room, and a "spot light" needs to be on the large crucifix and the altar.

Barb noted that the individual candles we use for the Easter Vigil may leak candle wax on our new carpet/pew coverings. Fr. emphasized the Easter Candle shining it's light alone would be sufficient.

**PARISH FESTIVAL:** The festival was held this past weekend so the money amount was not available. We had inclement weather; things were down from previous years. Most everything was moved inside. Next year we will keep the same weekend in October for the festival.

**UNITY CELEBRATION:** ARCHOMAHA UNITE is scheduled for June 8, 2019 and will be held at the CHI Center. Individual registration will begin in January. Everyone wanting to attend must register. No weddings, funerals, or Masses will be held on that day.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**RETIREMENT:** Fr. announced at all the Masses this past weekend he would be retiring from active ministry July 1, 2019. He talked about his discernment with the council. His accomplishments have been many.

**ARCHBISHOP LUCAS RETURNS TO STM:** Archbishop Lucas would like to return to STM on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and preside over the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. In addition, he would like to sit around the table with the Parish Council for discussion and to hear the strengths and

possible focus for the future. Fr. has invited us to join the Archbishop in the rectory dining room between masses. Liz & Barb have prior commitments.

**SANTA NINO NOVENA:** Santa Nino is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. Fr. Hunke was contacted by the Filipino Catholic Group to use STM Church for their novena before the celebration on January 20. The novena will be held on Friday evenings at 7pm. Fr. will talk to Fr. Grewe at the Cathedral before making a decision.

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** Travis would like to have Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. The thought being it wouldn't be every week just occasionally. Travis will take the lead on this.

**Fr. Hunke closed the meeting with a prayer.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30pm in the rectory.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Gewinner*