

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes

February 20, 2018

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

Members Absent: Emily Boisseree, Betty Piskorski, Kelly Sobetski

Opening Prayer: Fr. Hunke

OLD BUSINESS

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** Fr. Hunke made note of the nice graph pertaining to the campaign placed in the back of church.

One of the highlights of the campaign is to bring Parish Unity.

At present we are in the direction of \$200,000 pledged. Fr. says, *"Whatever comes, comes."* Lights and carpet first, then the bathrooms (bathrooms being the most expensive.)

Three Socials have been planned with the intention to help parishioners fill out their pledge cards. Cat, from the Steier Group, will explain the "We Share" section on the pledge card and how it works/how to sign up.

Fr. is to meet with the architect on Thursday, 2/22/18. Timeframe for the project will be June 1, 2018 – September 1, 2018. Mass will be held in the school gym during this time.

Perpetual Adoration – Adorers will keep their hour either at their homes or at another church.

***BOILERS:** Decision will be made soon. Cost is \$150,000. Half to be paid by the Consortium.

***PARISH FESTIVAL DATE:** A date change was discussed for our Parish Festival due to the renovation of the church on the current date. One possibility would be Sunday, October 7, 2018. The weather should be cooperative. Fr. would like to see "New Life" (spark new interest/revitalize) brought to the Festival. Currently Mike & Amy McDonnell are Chairpersons. Fr. will find out if they will continue if the date is changed. If not, we will have to look for someone else. Mr. Davis needs to be contacted about the date change because school will be in session.

NEW BUSINESS

***GREETERS:** This topic had been tabled; but revisited due to an email Fr. received by a family visiting here from out of state whose experience at STM was less than positive. Fr. read the email at all the Masses. This email identified the need of a Hospitality Committee. Starting a Hospitality Committee and reinstating the "Greeters" at Mass was discussed at our May, 2017 meeting. It has since been on hold.

Monica showed us samples of the information she received from Patty, the secretary, on the handouts that are given to new parishioners. We discussed the possibility of a mug or a cloth bag in addition. Fr. thought maybe a table/chair could be put in the back of church to register new parishioners.

Monica, Betty and Kelly will be on the Hospitality Committee.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30pm.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hunke

Respectfully submitted by Connie Gewinner