

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes for April 11, 2019

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

Members Absent: Travis Washington

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

Tonight's meeting consisted of a summary of our last three years.

“Review and Recommend!”

Accomplishments:

*Regular monthly meetings are held, including the summer months.

*Several new members have been added to the council. The long term members were able to retire.

*Parish Survey was completed.

*Capital Campaign was held to raise funds for the church renovation.

*Renovation of the church.

*Sr. Pauline Schwandt was hired as Pastoral Assistant. Sr. began the Outreach Committee and Bereavement Ministry.

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continues.

*Seminarian Mauricio Tovar spent time with us in 2017.

*Fr. Scott Hastings is in residence at STM. He helps out with Masses. Fr. held our three day Mission this Lent.

*We are doing well on ArchUnite registrations.

Recommendations for the next three to ten years:

*Establish a Vocations Committee - Fr. Baumert currently has one at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*Reconsider holding a Ministry Fair.

*Review our Parish Festival.

*Future of More Di Gras Dinner and Auction – existence or demise.

*Where is STM headed? Invite Mr. Jamie Arlen back to speak to us with our new pastor about the vision for our church, our long term goals.

*Reread our Parish Survey.

*Consider a Parish Directory - names/addresses/phone numbers with or without photographs.

*Hospitality Committee – to have “Welcoming Packets” for new parishioners.

*Grow Adult Formation.

There will not be a regular scheduled meeting will in May. Fr. would like us to have social gathering “in lieu of” our regular meeting in June. This will be his last meeting with us. Connie will contact Travis to host this event and let the members know the date.

Fr. Hunke closed meeting with a prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Connie Gewinner*