

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes for September 17, 2019

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

Members Absent: Betty Piskorski, Travis Washington, Barb Boettger

Guests: Minh Trahn, Paul Heitman, Anthony Pflug

OLD BUSINESS

ONGOING ROOF PROBLEMS: Our guests tonight were Paul Heitman and Anthony Pflug. They were here representing their company Exterior Options and to talk about and answer any questions we might have on metal roof shingles. Fr Frank had samples of two different metal shingles in the back of church for the parishioners to view. Paul and Anthony did a good job explaining how the shingles would fit together on a roof such as St. Thomas More's.

Due to our continuing leaking problems with the church's past and present roofs; it was decided to go with a metal roof and to go with Exterior Options. The roof bid from Exterior Options is \$141,000. This includes renting a special lift required to reach all the needed areas. Our lift is not capable of a job of this size.

This figure includes reduction by our insurance company, Catholic Mutual, which is helping some by paying STM \$7,000 toward roof repair.

Either one of the shingle samples Fr had on display will withstand "hail-wind-fire." We were reassured that because of the spacing system they use in the installation, the metal will not increase the sound of rain or hail inside the church. For this same reason there should be a significant reduction in heating and air-conditioning costs for the church.

Our existing shingles will not have to be removed. The new roof will go right over them. This roof will come with a 50-year manufacture guarantee.

Paul Heitman is offering to fix the flat part of the roof at no cost to the church.

Fr Frank said we currently have enough money in the maintenance account to cover the cost of the new roof.

It was suggested we have a shingle signing option. Families will be able to sign a shingle for a donation, which in turn, will help build up our maintenance account.

Fr offered to man a "Shingle Signing Booth" at our Parish Festival October 6th if the shingles arrive in time.

Fr had Exterior Options put a metal roof on at St. Elizabeth Ann's when he was pastor there. He knows them and how they work. Paul and Anthony suggested we take a road trip to see the metal roofs they installed at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 5419 N. 114th St. and also at Immaculate Conception Church on 24th & Bancroft Sts.

SEPTEMBER 15TH MEETING WITH PARISH GROUPS:

Fr asked for feedback concerning the meeting that was held Sunday, September 15 with all the groups of the parish. We had a good turnout. Not every group got an opportunity to speak due to the short amount of time we had between Masses. Now we have current information about each group and current contact information as well.

MAIL CHIMP: A work in progress is going on getting email addresses together for “Mail Chimp.” Using this technological program Fr will be able to send emails to all the parishioners. One person on the account is free.

NEW BUSINESS:

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY: Wanted! Fr asked the council if any of us knew someone in the parish who would be willing to coordinate our upcoming Pictorial Directory. No names were suggested at this time. This person would work with the photography company; someone to sign up families to get their pictures taken. Photographs will be taken in May. This can be done using technology on a laptop or tablet.

The updated information and current contact information on all the Parish groups will be included in the new Pictorial Parish Directory.

HEATING/COOLING CONTROL: Fr wants to have control of the heating and cooling system in the church on his phone. Currently our maintenance engineer has to control the thermostat with an app on his phone. Otherwise it is controlled off-site.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the rectory conference room.

Fr closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Gewinner