

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2017

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

Members Absent: none

Guests: Kara Wesely, Consortium Representative and Mauricio Tovar, Seminarian

Opening Prayer: Fr. Hunke

OLD BUSINESS:

The meeting began with our guest Kara Wesely introducing herself as the Director of Advancement for the Consortium, a Collaboration of Parishes, Schools, Parents and Community Partners. She explained the benefits of having the Consortium and improving communication between them and the parishes. Our goal is for St. Thomas More parishioners to get a better understanding of the Consortium.

Some of the points Kara made were:

- 1) Growing the Catholic Faith in our children
- 2) Each parish being able to maintain their individual identity
- 3) How can the consortium serve the parishes without schools; there are 13 parishes involved with 5 schools operating at full capacity
- 4) To see what the relationship between the Consortium and the parishes looks like and maintain a balance
- 5) One way to collect development dollars is by the "Annual Fund Mailing" with some of the funds available to be used to keep tuition costs down or at least at level, and to work with parishes on special projects such as our past elevator project, and our upcoming boiler project.

Ideas on ways to communicate information to the parish were discussed.

Some suggestions were: church bulletin, flyers, and by starting a Home & School Assoc. within the Consortium. A leadership team from each parish will meet together once a year or more to share information to help unify the parishes and schools.

Sharing resources between parishes was also brought up as a unifier.

Sports was an avenue that was discussed to bring our parishes together. A comment was made that lasting memories and friendships have been made through sports.

Discussion was held about bringing back the White Elephant Sale but on a smaller scale to start. Liz Fox expressed an interest in working with a group of other parishioners to get it started; however, she is still employed with a possibility of retirement in 2018. This year it will be on the discussion basis only. Fr. visited with some past chairpersons and they are willing to give guidance as to their experiences. We will revisit this in January.

No other questions surfaced pertaining to the survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Date Change: Discussion was held on the possibility of changing the date of our Parish Festival. It is currently held the second Sunday of June. It is too late to change the date for 2018 so the change would be for 2019. The consensus was to keep the date as is.
- b) Shawn McMann, a representative from the Steier Group will meet with us next month about our upcoming church remodel. He will meet with the parish in September. The remodel will appear in this order: lighting, carpeting, bathrooms and Baptistery. Suggestions were made to keep a cry room space available somewhere in the back of church.
- c) Fr. Hunke asked our President Travis Washington and Vice-President Abby Skradski to sign the Corporate Resolution papers as Trustees.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Office

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Hunke

Respectfully submitted by Connie Gewinner