

St. Thomas More Pastoral Council Minutes for March 10th, 2020

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

Members Absent: None

Guest: Minh Trahn

Fr. opened the meeting with prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW PARISH HALL/GYM: Still in the planning stage. All funds raised from the More Di Gras will go toward plans for these upgrades. We need to find out just what is feasible before we can proceed.

GAME ON: Travis gave us a report on “Game On.” Several of the council members observed a “Game On” hosted by Holy Ghost Church on the fifteenth of February. The event was held at St. John Vianney Church. Travis reported this successful event for Holy Ghost Church is their 10th year of being sold out.

St. Thomas More will be hosting a “Game On” Sat., May 2nd at the DAV . The DAV can handle 250 people. This promises to be a fun night of entertainment. Lil Willy’s will cater the food. Liquor questions were raised. Everything will be handled in much the same way as our festival when it comes to liquor. A uniformed police officer will be present. Travis said Holy Ghost hasn’t had any problems in the past with liquor consumption.

MORE DI GRAS: STM will celebrate More Di Gras Saturday, March 14, 2020. Over 200 folks have signed up. There is a lot of energy behind this parish event. All funds raised will go toward plans for the campus renovation. We need to work with an architect to find out just what is feasible.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at STM on Sunday March 22nd at the 10:30a.m. Mass.

PARISH MISSION: Fr Frank will be giving our Parish Mission this year on March 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The subject will be *“Everything you wanted to know about the Kingdom but were afraid to ask.”* Fr Frank said, “The mission will be suitable for all ages.”

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING STM – HOLY CROSS – ST. JOAN OF ARC: The meeting was very well attended. Due to the priest’s shortage we would become “sister parishes.” This is not a done deal. The other parishes may not be on board at this time. *“Let’s build church”* Fr. Frank says. It’s an opportunity to renew and reinvigorate, to have a good solid home base. We have an opportunity to do this now and be the best we can be.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: May is the month but the dates have not been set. Barb Boettger asked about having pictures of the home bound included in the new directory. Fr would very much like to do that. Fr said only 30% of parishioners take part in this parish event.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPUTERIZED SIGN: Terry McWilliams, our head engineer is working on a computerized sign to replace the one we have by the school. Mass times can be displayed as well as all the different church and school activities.

FISH FRY: The STM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry held March 6th was a success. Good attendance.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TIME: Connie asked if our meetings could begin at 6:30pm rather than 7:00pm the present starting time. Fr and all council members agreed. Going forward Parish Council meetings will begin at 6:30pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 6:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Gewinner*

