**ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 AT 7:00PM

Attendance:

Karen Hanson, Mick Langguth, Leigha Rios, Shirley Schneider, Joseph Glykys, Fr Chuck Adam, Chris Harris, Keith Feldmann, Pam Bourjaily, Jason Wagner, Tanner Knight, Matt Lopez and Karen Grajczyk-Haddad

Absent: Dimy Doresca, Barb Lopez, Jason Wagner, Sam Aitchison

Items of Business – Pres-Elect Mick

* Approval of April Minutes
* PC Election - Barb Lopez, Bill Montag, Cecilia Roudabush
  + Motion to accept, accepted
* Fill board positions of Secretary and President-Elect
  + Shirley Schneider as President-elect
  + Karen Grajczyk-Haddad will continue as Secretary
* Synod Update
  + Catholic Messenger about successful, secretary of Vatican, when asked which diocese has done well stated: Italy, Spain, and Diocese of Davenport
  + Over 500 listening sessions in ours alone, lot of good input from diocese
  + Mary Lu was asked to help with larger group from diocese
  + Vatican will create a summary
* Official Revision of Bylaws, as discussed in last meeting and vote of approval
  + Pam will help with wording for the next meeting.
  + Motion to accept revisions, accepted
* Report from Father Chuck
  + Deacon will be here for a year, Dn. Steven George from Michigan, will help with nursing home visits and other things
  + $14,248 ahead in ADA, goal is $114,668 and of those pledges, 109,811 has been paid
  + Hopes to push capital campaign this summer, asking another construction company for a bid, waiting to hear back
  + $752,000 for parking lot

Commission Reports:

* Church Life/Family Life
  + Highlight the Easter Vigil, first one in a while
  + New Member meal June 26th together with the Welcome Commission after 8:30AM mass. Invite families from January to April. Signupgenius is created to help and will happen quarterly
* Faith Formation
  + RE is done for the year
  + First communions happened last week
* Racial Equity Initiative
  + Prayer Vigil & International Potluck Dinner, Tuesday June 14th at 6pm
* Social Action/Social Justice
  + Huge Success with Lenten Corporal Acts of Mercy
  + Beautiful tapestry created by parishioner
  + Green Team is back and moving, looking for recycling bins for new church and reusable drink container and water bottle filler. Prairie Woods retreat and other churches for ideas.
  + Tithing Grants
  + Afghani refugees learning to drive, needing volunteers to help people learn to drive.
  + Difficult to get into homes, one family left in the hotel, home goods- glasses, waste baskets, placemats, etc.
* Welcome Commission
  + In 2022, 40 new families, getting close to 1,500 families in the parish
  + 9 new members in April
* Worship & Spirituality
  + Deacon who will join us
  + Different languages spoken at Pentecost Masses
  + Adoration on May 24th, Holy Hour, 7-8PM
  + Holding off on Blood of Christ for a couple months
* Regina Board of Education
  + Last week the 7th and 8th grade concert was held as well as the Junior High play
  + Wednesday May 18th Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St Thomas More at 7:30 pm
  + Graduation will be May 22nd at Regina
  + Construction on the Early Childhood Center is 3+ weeks ahead of schedule with approx. 60% of the project complete.
  + Currently Regina is in search of an Assistant Principal and interviewed three candidates this past Tuesday
  + Regina is also in search of a Director of Finance. Former Director of Finance took a position back with previous job in the Quad Cities.
* Youth Members
  + Small group of 6 to ND Vision, June 27th-July 1st
  + After Senior mass, Jesus and Java meeting, May 22nd
  + Freddy’s Fundraiser on Sunday, May 22nd from 4PM-9PM on 2nd Street Fundraiser,
  + Renovated a man’s home, going back to repaint his home and help him with his ramp. Will camp at Kent Park to help in June.
* Knights of Columbus
  + Fish Frys have been very successful during lent
  + $743 collected for Ukraine and donated
  + $543 in donations from beer donated to Capital Campaign for STM
  + Fundraiser for Krysty was attended by over 140 people.
  + Easter Egg went well, lots of families participating
  + Mother’s Day flowers given out to all women attending all masses on weekend
  + Mowing- Knights are continuing this and offering a safety class on how to operate the equipment (new mower is bigger and faster!). They are purchasing ear protection
  + Honor Flight Honor Guard
  + Hosted Knights of Columbus
  + Other projects in works: Catholic Worker house needing help with decking & AED training
    - Bulletin submission about sharing where they are located
* Stephen Ministry
* Commission Revitalization
  + Identifying what each commission is doing, making sure we aren’t duplicating work
  + Idea of an email for all commissions, will brainstorm new ideas for this
  + Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 9th at 7PM
* Thank you for your service to Pastoral Council: Pam Bourjaily & Karen Hanson

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 9th at 7PM at ST THOMAS MORE**