**ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2022 AT 7:00PM

Attendance: Mick Langguth, Shirley Schneider, Chris Harris, Barb Lopez, Leigha Rios, Cece Roudabush, Tanner Knight, Karen Grajczyk-Haddad, and Fr Chuck Adam.

Absent: Dimy Doresca, Keith Feldmann, Joseph Glykys, Matthew Lopez, Bill Montag, Jason Wagner, Lucy Nolte

Items of Business – Mick Langguth

* Approval of August Minutes
  + Take out 14 million, edit the ADA section
* Dance More-A-Thon Report
  + Full-size insert will be included in upcoming bulletins, changing emphasis from a dance marathon to an event with dancing and auction
  + Generous sponsors so far, many live auction items included
* New video of revised version of the church played
* Review Budget Report
  + Nothing to review except, parishioners surpassed $6,000,000 pledged, currently have $4.2 million collected, and received more support following recent homily.
  + Annual Dioceasan Appeal Sunday approaching, parish goal is $99,564
* Report from Father Chuck
  + Bishop had a conference call with all priests in diocese to follow up on synod reports
  + The Bishop requested that each pastoral council review the report and address the top three issues that are the most pressing for the Diocese to address.
* Safety Committee Report
  + Mick has reached out to many community members, four have expressed interest.
  + The folks invited will make recommendations, but the hope is to not make big changes that the congregation would notice, new protocols would mostly impact staff and ushers.

Commission Reports:

* Church Life/Family Life
  + 1,521 families as of today, report from Fr Chuck
* Faith Formation
  + Religious Education started last weekend, some families doing homeschool version
  + 62 kids signed up for confirmation, September 18th kickoff event
  + Sunday evening Bible Study will begin at October 2nd, Jim & Mary Shepker will lead
  + Cornerstone Bible Study is meeting again on Wednesday evenings
  + Men’s group meets on Friday mornings at 6:45AM
* Racial Equity Initiative
  + Updated mission
* Social Action/Social Justice
  + Linda Myers is the new commission chair
  + Sunday, October 2nd, annual Blessing of the Pets
  + Franciscan Way of Life Group, September 22nd will be their first meeting
  + Film series and discussion on nuclear weapons in mid-October, details will be featured in bulletin
* Welcome Commission
  + 20 new members last month
  + Keith shared that both he and Luigi are working on posting photos of new members as a continuing welcome effort for St Thomas More facebook page
* Worship & Spirituality
  + Return of the Chalice, going well
  + October 22nd-23rd, Anointing of the Sick after all masses
* Regina Board of Education
* Youth Members
  + Confirmation Retreat, Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Nov 11-13th, both Tanner and Lucy are doing witness talks
* Knights of Columbus
  + Tuesday, Sep 20th is next meeting
  + Well attended Pancake Breakfast last week with the Knights
  + Estimated 260 people attended the Parish Picnic
  + Projects include repairs at Catholic Worker House on the deck
* Stewardship Fair
  + Forecast precincts storms Saturday night so the event will be inside.
  + Fr Chuck has scripts prepared from all representatives from each commission to speak during each mass
  + Each commission needs a sign up sheet for interested folks
* Stephen Ministry
  + Continuing Education recently on divorce & annulment
* Commission Revitalization
  + Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28th.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th at 7PM at ST THOMAS MORE**