

8-20-2019

St. Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

Attendance: Kathy Hornschemeier, Vic Ivers, Jim Conrady, Larry Bush, Fr. Bill Wagner, Dick Berish, Doug Stegeman, Music Director, Absent: John Duncan, Tom Buchheit

Minutes were approved for the meeting of Nov 20, 2018 and May 2019. Motion by Jim Conrady 2nd by Vic Ivers all approved

Minutes from Feb.19, 2019 approved by 1 Vic Ivers 2nd by Larry Bush all approved Kathy abstained

Fr. Bill

Fr Bill presented the information on the report of the organ. He turned over the presentation to Doug for the technical information. The console of the organ is in need of repair and the company who built the organ is not able to repair as they are out of business. We checked with several companies for cost and available parts. And the reports were very expensive. We checked about for comparable items and the cost would be out of the question as it would be over \$500,000. We checked for a better solution and were able to find an electronic organ that is available for \$900. In Columbus that is in good condition until we can possibly get the pipes repaired and be able to get a new organ console for the pipes. The pipes would be removed and packed for storage and reuse. Some of the pipes are not able to be rebuilt for another organ. The 11 ranks we have would be 15,000 to 30000 to repair. 5 ranks are easily able to be stored and are in great condition. The reed pipes cost the least to repair but some can be exchanged. We will be able to remount the pipes that we keep for the new console when we can afford the cost.

The new organ will come with 2 speakers for a much better balance of sound. The cost to remove the old console and install the new is \$2500. We have discovered the floor needs to be repaired before the new installation. The floor will be \$3500. and be done to make the repairs done simultaneously. A donor has come forward to defray the cost of \$10,000. To cover repairs and the storage of the pipes.

We have had problems with the mike system and sound system. A simpler mike on the alter and priest will be done while the other repairs are being. done.

Motion to approve the repairs and the sound system made by Kathy Hornschemeier 2nd by Vic Ivers all yes

Dick Berish

Presented the Annual Financial Report for the Parish from the Finance Committee that will be posted to the parish. We are adjusting all the finance due to fewer participant weekly. We are down over 13% on the Sunday collections. The lowest collection was \$8600.

There are 3 reasons. Leadership, Mission & transparency are some of the items brought forward during a stewardship conference. Dick spoke to the items needing to be brought to the parish about these items. We will be providing information to parishioners about topics they might need more information on or would like to know how we handle situations beyond our control. Fr spoke of his disappointment over how situations in the Archdiocese are handled. Being blindsided on policy does make it hard to understand even by the clergy. Dick finished with the Stewardship Prayer that closed the seminar.

The school enrollment is down since the beginning of the summer. We went from 224 to 212 students. We lost 4 students to a summer move, 4 received no Ed choice, and 3 left due to family divorce.

The school tuition is all paid in full for the 2018-9 school year.

The festival has completed the payments to vendors and made \$72,500 vs, \$57,000. last year.

We are happy that we did have a carryover for emergencies in the end of year budget.

Amber Ruhlman has been hired for the cafeteria. She is a trained chef and will be certified with the federal rules. We really are appreciative as she is a parishioner and parent. Vicky is still ill but during her treatments she will help Amber with the paperwork for the federal regulations.

New Business

We have 14 weddings coming up and 4 funerals in the last 2 weeks. We are getting more requests for services and may need to review policies. We left this item up to Fr, Bill to let us know if we need revisions to our policies.

Vote to adjourn 1st Kathy Hornschemeier 2nd Jim Conrady

Fr Bill ended the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Hornschemeier