

10-27-2014

St. Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

Attendance: Fr Bill Wagner, Dick Berish, , Sam DeBonis, Kathy Hornschemeier, Larry Bush, Tom Buchheit, John Duncan Absent: Jim Conrady, Vic Ivers

Meeting opened by Fr Bill with a prayer

Fr. Bill Reported

The Alpha program has had 140 people attended the program regularly.

Dick Reported

We need to know if we are going forward with the 75th Anniversary Directory. This will need approval from the Parish council. There are 2 well known companies, Lifetouch & Universal, that we can consider. Jim Conrady has sent his input to me and has questioned this as a need/want for the parish. Fr Bill said there would be an opt out for anyone who did not wish to be included and a separate approval for people who would submit other photo's for this as it would be similar to the 60th done in 2000. We need to set up a meeting next month with their representatives. We will need volunteers 3-5, person committee to make this work. We would like to have in the 1st part of the year depending on the company & volunteers. Completion would be in the fall if schedule can be completed. This was given approval from the council we are to set up the 2 companies for next month's meeting to further our information.

1st Kathy H 2nd Sam D all present voted yes

Recycling on the parish from ATTABBE is being taken over by Rumpke after their bankruptcy. We received the bill of \$1500. (annual) for this and we are not going to pay this cost. We/ the Archdiocese are negotiating this as we use the process in the school for teaching principals and general good will for the parish. UT and Clermont County are also researching this and looking for cooperation on costs. More information will follow with options for community costs.

We paid \$29,000.00 on this month's debt payment. We are at \$959,000.

The capital campaign for the Cincinnati Archdiocese has started. The goal is \$1.2 million. If we meet this goal we will receive 20% returned to the parish for our use. This would be about \$200,000. We will be sent the information in the fall of 2015 when our parish is to start the process and complete within 5 years. More information is coming from the chancery closer to the start of our campaign.

We have had a cost of \$14,000. for various repairs and improvements: movement and painting etc of the classrooms, IT repairs and replacements that will be completed over the 3 days needed at Christmas break.

Parish council was asked to approve the new sliding scale of the cost of maintenance

for groups using the facilities. These are variable depending on the amount of work needed for the janitorial staff. We have never formally approved this but it will be on a 1-2-3 rating system per hour. This starts at \$35, \$70, & \$105. with the new addition of the custodial staff on different shifts until after 7 PM. 1st Kathy H 2nd Sam D Vote-all yes

The lunch count in the cafeteria is up and the collaboration with Vicki and the parents on what is available and how often has begun.

The scouts celebrated 50 years in the parish with the present troop. We were chartered with another troop for the 1st 15 years, troop #444.

Eastside sports complex has sold. We are asked to extend the permit to use the property per the standing contract. This is pending all the approval and insurance coverage from the Archdiocese office.

The 3rd & 4th grade football are competing for the championship in their CYO group next week. Congratulations to all the participants, parents & coaches for a job well done, not only for the winners but all the grades and people who participated with fall sports thru the booster's organization.

Rev. Eric Wood is preaching several weeks at STM in preparation for Ordination in May.

The minutes were approved from the September 15, 2014 meeting.

We adjourned and concluded with a prayer.