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St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

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

We started with a prayer by Fr, Bill

We immediately started the presentations on the directory for the 75th Anniversary.

Universal Church Directories, with Pam Baker started the presentations. She had multiple items that they have as a photo directory. Samples were provided and options were discussed. The brochures had detailed information about items to be considered. We discussed the probable 600 participants. Items and pages available for parish activities are directly affected by the participants. It would include extra directories and an option for brochures for new parishioners for the future.

Cost of the photo's varied but did not mandate a package to participate. They have a variety of al-a-cart options to fit from about \$20. for a small sheet to larger packages. This is comparable to most packages we have seen personally at other photo settings.

During the options and cost discussion we went to timeline availability. With an Easter timeline for photos the completions date would be near the end of the school year. This accommodated the school activities and end of year items to be completed. Any other compilations would be completed over the summer and the books delivered in the fall. We could possibly have a make-up day for photos. This is all done by volunteers and parish members so timeline is accommodated by this help with completion.

We would need to have a small group of parish people to be available for the setup of the photo sessions. They would be able to have a credit for the time towards their own photo session cost as a courtesy. Fr Bill asked for specifics of space times and how many days the setup would impact parish activities. We

were looking at 2 weeks with 5 days from afternoon till 8? in the evening. This is based on the number of participants. This could be a challenge to be able to accommodate all the space needed and could impact the timeline as we cannot displace all the activities of the parish/school easily.

Pam has the graphic arts background to help our parish members for the insertion of the parish items into a beautiful and easy to use directory.

People in the parish will need to take photos or make some available of activities for the collage and information pages. This can slow the completion or make the deadline easier. Participation and volunteers for either parish photos/activities will need to be available.

We discussed the physical needs and the spacing problems. She has an online signup and reminders thru the internet and telephone. The information on the back end to the parish is a DVD and other items for the website.

The second presentation was by Lifetouch with Doug Kinderkind

Lifetouch has bought out Olan Mills that did our last 2 directories. He presented the items and samples they have available. Some of the items overlapped the other presentation. They use a point system for the pages needed for the parish photo pages. With the point system of 600 settings we would receive approximately 20 pages for the parish use. Points can also be used for the brochures for new parishioners in the future. They have a special if we use the time before March for added items for the parish.

They also use the telephone or online for scheduling sessions for photos. They also provide a DVD for flexibility they have pdf format for the church usage.

They would need space available for 2 photographers and the equipment for 2 weeks and they use the timeline Tuesday thru Saturday. Their time is from 2 to 9 PM. They suggest a few signup people in the back of church for people who do not use the internet. They suggest we advertise this for 4 weeks in the bulletin and they provide telephone reminders. They suggest the check in volunteers on 2 to 3 hour shift.

After the presentations were completed we discussed all of the timeline options and the resources needed to complete with volunteers. There was discussion on pressure sales and speaking with other churches that have used their services. We need to make sure that this will have the availability of space, timeline completion, and the support of parishioners. Fr Bill & Dick Berish will contact other parishes for their input on support from the companies to complete a quality product for our community. We will revisit this in January and decide at that time on what is to be done.

The only other point that was noted is that Universal does "live" reminder calls and Lifetouch does "robo" calls. Both companies allow other photos to be placed in the directory even if not having done by themselves. Any parishioner can opt out if they have items they do not want published.

We have received 3 burial plots donated to the parish. Two are together and 1 separated. They are at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. We discussed these items and Fr Bill and he is going to speak with St Vincent DePaul. He will discuss how this can be sold and find out more information.

We asked for the vote on the minutes of October. Motion by Kathy Hornschemeier, second Vic Ivers all approved

Fr completed the meeting at 8:30 with a prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Hornschemeier