

1-19-2015

St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

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

We started with a prayer by Fr, Bill

This was an informational meeting as we did not have a quorum.

Business

Fr Bill reported that the parish was doing well. Christmas was very good and the Choir was stronger under new leadership of our choir director, Sean Connolly . The children's choir is singing at the school masses. The budget is better with the snow savings. It has a cost of \$1000 to 2000 per each time we have the plows on the property. We have a meeting on Wednesday for the Right to Life program. We have up to 8 in the RICA program. Three or 4 are children. Fr was happy with the class.

Dick Berish did a survey on the rectory and plaster issues. Finance asked about a cook or housekeeper. Fr Bill is not interested in either, he is happy with the setup he has presently.

We are up for accreditation for the school this year. The principal is working with the staff on this. CMA is in the next 2 weeks. We usually meet our goal with this wonderful program.

We have been notified that we will start the Archdiocesan fund raiser starting in the fall to raise \$1,000,000.

Dick Berish reported:

As of December 31st for the first 6 months of the budget: Sunday collections are down about 10%. The debt collection makes up for the deficit amounts. We believe that this is the community allocation of their funds.

The budget controls are working. We have finally received the refund from the county for the St Vincent DePaul home. We had to pay taxes until the county approved the change to church property for the house. The reimbursement was about \$10,000. This process took many years.

The school is slightly over budget. The latch key and preschool has 35 students. The 8th grade for next year will be lower in the planning for the 2015-16 budget process. We estimate that we will be down slightly due to larger classes' graduation and lower student population in the upcoming classes. We have 253 this year with projections to \$238. There will likely be a \$100. Increase tuition compared to \$150 this year.

We budgeted the \$25,000.00 for projects in this year's budget. The cost of installing air conditioning in Heider Hall, windows in the lower level of the church, drainage, rectory, replace the T-8 fixtures to new lighting, parking lot repairs, and 4 to 6 heat pumps replacement.

We have had a great start to the New Year with donations of checks for \$5,000. for the parish.

We discussed the church directory with Fr Bill. Some of the problems with this can only be resolved by Fr. Bill so we left the final decision up to him. We made suggestions for a chairperson and he is going to ask for more submissions from the parish. We discussed all of the timeline options and the resources needed to complete with volunteers services.

New Business

We were approached about staff health problems in the school and the cost impact. Fr noted these issues are privacy controlled and could not comment other than general terms and cost to the school budget. Fr said these were not major impact as there were mitigating issues. There were discussions on the heat in the gym. It is set at 68 degrees.

We asked for the vote on the minutes of December. Motion by Sam DeBonis, second John Duncan all approved

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

Submitted by Kathy Hornschemeier