

1-19-2016

St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

Attendance: Kathy Hornschemeier, Sam DeBonis, Vic Ivers, Larry Bush, Tom Buchheit, late: Jim Conrady, Fr. Wagner, Dick Berish

Absent John Duncan

We started with a prayer by Fr, Bill

Business

Fr Bill reported that the parish was doing well. Christmas was very good and the Choir was excellent. Fr. updated 94% of the Special Fund drive is completed. We believe we reached 97/98% of the goal. The final amounts should be known soon. We will have the regular fund drives starting for the annual needs in the Archdiocese.

The rectory lost the boiler. This was new in 1980. The repairs cost \$7500. They had to replace a defective valve immediately on the new boiler. We are expecting savings on this as it is more efficient. The results of the summer repairs and windows, is a savings of half the electric used in the rectory. Cost savings will continue and the recoup of the summer repairs should be significant and quicker than anticipated.

We have replaced more of the buildings lights with LED lighting. This is easier on the eyes and better for the environment. The cost and maintenance savings will be considerable. Service times will be spaced out as they last 7x longer than the present florescent lights. They also use considerably less electric for more savings over time.

Fr. spoke of the Formed program the Archdiocese has allowed us to become a partner. Cloud access to this educational service is available to all the parish. The parish code will be explained in the bulletin. There is a wealth of information for use in the home and family. There are Bishop Barrett series and a library of additional information available.

We have 3 or 4 already expressing interest in next year RICA. Bob Braiser will become a Deacon in the spring and Matt Feist will be ordained.

Dick Berish reported:

We have an offer on the property that was donated to the parish. We need to follow the canon law and have approval from the Archdiocese to sell the property. It will be later than the February meeting before the meeting of the College of Appointer completes the process. The vote of approval is called Alienation of goods for the sale. Since there will not be a vote before the February meeting we will meet again in March.

There is a leak on the west side of the property. We have contacted Clermont County about the leak and damage to our property. We have contacted our insurance about the claim and repairs that would be covered.

As of December 31st for the first 6 months of the budget: Sunday collections are down. Most other items are on budget. We have completed most of the background for the next budget. We should have predictions ready for the March meeting and tentative attendance for 2016-2017.

New Business

Fr spoke about the suggestion of the children bringing up a children's basket to the altar of offerings. He did not believe this would be a good idea for several reasons.

We asked for the vote on the minutes. Motion by Vic Ivers, 2nd Larry Bush - all approved abstain by Sam DeBonis

Fr completed the meeting at 7:50 with a prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Hornschemeier