

4-26-2016

St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

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

Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr, Bill

Business

We approved the minutes from previous meeting 1st Larry Bush 2nd Kathy Hornschemeier all agreed/ abstain Sam DeBonis

Fr Bill reported that Fr Endres had damaged his knee and would be needing surgery. Shawn Connolly, the music director, will be leaving the parish. He is taking a position in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota with full time work. He is presently working 3 part time jobs .He will be leaving the end of May. We have had 3 candidates that are qualified apply. All have good credentials.

Fr Bill of St Bernadette is going to retire in July 2017. As of now there will be a new person to take over the parish.

STM PTO had a meeting to report the results of the survey of parents. The results were overall positive. The parents did have some concerns that the administration has already addressed.

The STM PTO has donated an electronic sign to the parish.

Dick Berish reported:

As of March, for the first 9 months of the budget: The income is steady and some is ahead of budget. We are looking for the summer repair projects. The new budget is being prepared. The budget for summer repairs is down from last year. The debt has decreased by \$ 400,000.in 2 ½ years. We are on goal to reach the possibility of half the debt retired in 5 years.

We have started the 2016-17 Budget process. We should have school numbers for completion by next meeting. The school numbers which hold the final process cost is almost complete and closely resembles the numbers for this year. There could be a problem with the timing of the ED Choice program that has markedly changed the application time. We are addressing this ASAP.

New Business

The Archdiocese Campaign is completed and we have 98% participation. We are paid semiannually the results of the completed pledged amounts. Jan to July should be \$ 37,000. Thereafter the deposits for the funds will returned to the parish in January/July. This is the 20% for our participation.

In the 1st 2 years the debt has dropped to \$863,000 from \$1,040,000.

The oak tree on the east side of the church has had large branches drop to the pavement. We had a tree company come out and they told us it is diseased and will have more problems as the crown of the tree has almost completely died. Dick Berish has taken a quote to take the tree down for the bid of \$ 1900.by Madison Tree. We all agreed that this needs to proceed.

The PTO has ordered an electronic sign for out by ST RT 125. This is valued at \$16,000.

The property donated to the parish has been sold and we should complete the sale soon. Some of this money will be available for repairs as we did not budget much for this year's repairs/replacements.

We are continuing the savings from the repairs last year. Some of the rectory will be 30 to 50% in utility costs

. We will look into further improvements and savings.

We have been requested to have the water tested in our buildings. We have asked for the cost of the testing and will revisit this at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Tom Buchheit, 2nd Larry Bush all agreed

Fr completed the meeting at 7:45 with a prayer. Submitted by Kathy
Hornschemeier