

## St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

Meeting dated:

6-16-2014

We opened the meeting with a prayer by Fr. Bill Wagner

Attended: Jim Conrady, Kathy Hornschemeier, Vic Ivers, Larry Bush, Sam DeBonis, Tom Buchheit, absent: John Duncan

The first item on the agenda was Fr. Bill. He spoke of the debt reduction items. In collaboration with the Finance committee, and the items discussed at the joint March meeting with Finance and Parish Council, he outlined the 2 prong approach to rapidly reduce the debt. 1. The approach to the top givers for a pledge to drop the debt over a 3 year period. 2. The revitalization of the debt envelope for added income to pay down the principal on the debt. Fr. Bill will address all masses this weekend with the plan. The information is to get a lump sum 2 X per year over and above the payment to make the 5 year plan. The program to reward all those who give monthly by a drawing with a monetary reward was discussed.

The second item discussion was the 2014-2015 Budget from the Finance Committee.

Information was sent a week before to all attendees. Richard Berish started with the assumptions that were the basis of the spreadsheets. The reasoning behind the assumptions was explained.

Discussion ensued on the programs to control budget items and changes in contracts that will reduce cost. Dick explained the items we have already changed and the total cost savings process for this upcoming year.

Salaries were discussed and the matrix for the teaching salaries of the Archdiocese. We are giving a 1% increase for the teachers. We have a goal to reach the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> range for the staff. Other possible cost reductions were discussed. The wild card would be the weather as it was this past year vs. a normal year.

After discussion, the call for a vote was:

1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Hornschemeier                      2<sup>nd</sup> Sam DeBonis All yes

We discussed the present year projections and the most likely meeting the budget with NO surplus due to the severe weather cost this year.

Fr. Bill discussed the change of dean for the deanery and items coming up for the next year. He also gave updates on several health issues of nearby parish's staff that we know. Fr. also discussed the program the Archbishop will be outlining in the fall on viability of the Diocese fundraising. He said more would be coming as soon as the information was given at the conclave.

Thomas More house was discussed and the resolution by the St. Vincent DePaul group. This has become the center for the pantry. This is where all gather to meet and follow thru with needs of the community.

Motion to approve the March Meeting minutes:                      all Yes

Call for meeting closure

1<sup>st</sup> Larry Bush                      2<sup>nd</sup> Vic Ivers                      all Yes

Meeting concluded with a prayer