

8-29-2017

## St Thomas More Parish Council Minutes

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

We started with a prayer by Fr, Bill

Minutes were approved from previous meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Conrady 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Hornschemeier all that had attended voted yes

### Business

Father Wagner brought us up to date about the status of the festival. Friday weather really hurt but we made a profit of \$56,000. The choir had a kickoff party. There have been favorable comments on the music and the interest in the choirs. Fr Ralston is now at St. Bernadette. We are having a Joint reconciliation.

The diocese is implementing a new religion series and the new series incorporates a computer base for training. All teachers will be certified and take 10 hours per year. The marriage preparation classes are being over hauled with a cost for workshops.

The bathroom in the rear of the church is started. We have the money from the festival covering the cost.

### Dick Berish

We have had a person hit the sign in the front of church. We had the insurance adjuster here today and they believe that they will be able to rehab the rear parts of the sign. It will take 2 months to repair. The car was insured and will cover repairs

We have the copy of the year end financials that will be posted in the bulletin for the parish.

The June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 annual report will be posted to the website. We had a wonderful year. The weather break was a savings for the parish. Our enrollment helped with the school kept in budget. We did well with pay down on the debt, we completed about \$100,000. in repairs and were able to put \$43,000 in the bank for unexpected events.

The school has been able to keep an enrollment of 220. This is as projected in the January preliminary budget. For the few losses we have been able to bring new students to fill those vacancies.

The repairs to the church roof, the parking lot repairs and surfacing, and bathrooms were all completed before school started. The cost should end up about \$50,000.

We are working on the handicapped bathroom in the church entryway. We do not have a completion date. The information was sent to the county.

We are monitoring the collections. We hope to be making budget in the fall. We had a decent start over the summer but patterns are changing and we will keep information for comparison in the bulletin and reports.

In the long range planning: We are looking at the long range plan for the Verdin Bell system that is beyond the ability to repair. We will need a new computer system to replace the system we now have that is very old. We hope the bells are OK for another year. Cost for a new bell system could be \$10,000. We are also checking into the cafeteria coolers. We will be exploring the front refrigerator and the freezer. Estimates could be \$6000.

We are going to clean-up the landscaping on the property in the fall and replace some overgrown items.

We are going to be looking at a comprehensive look at More Martyr Hall for repairs and replacement and a comprehensive plan for the entire use and problems with the building. We have placed this on the upgrade, repair or replacement in the next 10 years.

Vote for adjournment: 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Conrady 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam DeBonis: all yes

Fr concluded the meeting at 7:45 with a prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Hornschemeier