

Church of St. Thomas More  
**Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**May 30, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

**1. Opening Prayer**

Liz Gritt led the opening prayer.

**2. Roll Call**

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were:

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Role</b>
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair
Henny Jocelyn	Parish Organizations & Events Chair
Kalei Mendiola	Marriage and Family Life Chair
Don Eppich	Finance Chair
Liz Gritt	Secretary
<b>Also in Attendance:</b>	<b>Role</b>
Chris Smith	Director of Stewardship and Development
Anne Marshall	Pictorial Directory Chair

<b>Absent</b>	<b>Role</b>
Linda Brault	Past Pastoral Council Chair
Linda Dicus	Social Ministries Chair
Sharon Hamill	Evangelization & Faith Formation Chair
Michael Yambrach	Development Council Liaison
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**3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 28, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

**4. Old Business**

Golf Update- The goal for attendance was 300; current ticket sales are at approximately 318. Caterers will be staging outside in alcove, giving more inside room for activities. There are many wonderful auction and raffle items. There will be a D.J. and dancing. 77 golfers are signed up. Volunteers are needed at the golf course. It looks as if there will be a profit from this event.

North County Solutions for Change- This homeless shelter for families needs 8 teams to sign up to serve meals over an 8 month period during the next year. 4 committees have signed up but we need 8 additional groups to fill the year long commitment. Please ask your committees to step forward to be a part of this.

Parish Pictorial Directory- Fr. Mike will be sending a letter and information to families regarding participation in the Directory. There will be a flyer in the bulletin and announcements after Mass. There are 8 days in July and August that people can sign up for in person or on-line; there are also other days in the area if they cannot make those 8 days. Parishioners can put their e-mail address in directory if they choose. Volunteers will be calling parishioners to set up appointments. A host/hostess committee will be helping out with direction during photo sessions.

Parish Picnic- The parish picnic, coming up on September 17, is beginning to be organized. Henny is asking for several committees to sign up to contribute so that this can be a true “parish picnic”.

Event Photography/ Historian - The parish historian is asking that each committee has someone assigned to take pictures at their events and turn them in to the historian so that each event is well covered.

Parish Revenue Update- St. Thomas More has a current operating deficit. The Golf Tournament may help to put STM in the black. STM is ahead on the Capital Campaign.

## **5. New Business**

Our Lady Star of the Sea, New Orleans- At this time, the relationship between St. Thomas More and our ‘sister’ parish in New Orleans is just not working out. There are other avenues that we are exploring through other organizations that our parish is already affiliated with to help the people in New Orleans.

DVD of Congregations for Civic Action’s trip to New Orleans- Video showed state of affairs in New Orleans currently and how much still needs to be done in the area as well as talking about the lack of government funding coming into the area.

## **6. Committee Updates**

- **Marriage and Family Life**

Welcome to Kalei Mendiola. She is looking at a possible event held around the Feast of the Holy Family.

- **PO&E**

The parish camping trip has 10 families signed up for first weekend in June. Spirited Seniors is up and running.

- **Finance Council**

See Old Business under Parish Revenue Update.

## **7. Emerging Issues:**

Gloria Larson asked to handle press releases to the community for large events.

## **8. Pastor’s Comments:**

Peace Walk- Fr. Mike and Rev. Beth Johnson, Pastor of Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are members of “Faith Leaders for Peace”. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, they have organized with parishioners from both churches to walk from their church to ours and then meet in our plaza about noon for an ecumenical prayer service for peace and leadership in peace.

## **9. Closing Prayer**

Liz Gritt led the closing prayer.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm