

**Church of St. Thomas More**  
**Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Date: May 18, 2011**

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**1. Opening Prayer**

Rory Griffin led the opening prayer.

**2. Roll Call**

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair
Marti Harper	Secretary
Rory Griffin	Faith Formation & Evangelization Chair
Pat & Lisa Attardo	Parish Organizations & Events Chair
Dick & Charlene Belprez	Social Ministries Chair
<b>Those not in attendance were</b>	
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair
Jen Frost	Marriage and Family Life Chair

Ricardo Juarez Frausto, from Sonora Mexico, was our guest this evening. Ricardo is a Seminarian from the Congregation of Jesus and Mary who will be with us here at STM over the next year.

**3. Agenda Review**

**4. Old Business**

**5. New Business**

Dick & Charlene Belprez, head of Social Ministries, opened discussion on the possibility of having a different parish ministry highlighted each month with a short, informational blurb in the bulletin. The idea surfaced at the Social Ministries Retreat where several in attendance saw a need to let new and existing parishioners know more about the various ministries of the parish. The head of each ministry will be responsible for the article and will need to coordinate with Lorraine Doering for publishing in bulletin.

## **6. Committee Updates**

### **Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee**

- **Evangelization**

Vacant – no report

- **Ecumenical & Inter-religious Affairs**

2011 Children of Abraham event being planned

- **RCIA**

Two candidates and one catechumen have begun the process of initiation.

- **Religious Education for Adolescents and Children**

“Pandamania” – VBS 2011

- **Adult Religious Education Committee**

Parish Mission on April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> was well attended

June 8<sup>th</sup> – “You Tube and Faith” with John Fredette

August 17<sup>th</sup> – “The Future Church” will be the next “Bookies” selection, covered over a six-week period.

- **Middle School Youth Ministry**

EPIC – meets twice a month on Sundays. Plans are being made to include parents and younger LEAD members as facilitators.

- **High School Youth Ministry**

LEAD is growing strong in attendance and meeting weekly on Thursdays. 70 participants signed up for Steubenville Retreat

- **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Continually looking for facilitators

- **Sacramental Preparation**

Thirty children celebrated their First Holy Eucharist over the May 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> weekend. -

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation celebrated at the 10:30 Mass with Bishop Chavez

- **Women’s Fellowship**

Meets the first Friday of the month 7:00-8:30pm. Lenten meeting went well with 25 participants

- **Men’s Fellowship**

Meets the second Friday of the month 7:00-8:30pm

First Annual STM Men’s Retreat will be in Julian on October 14-16<sup>th</sup>

## **Finance Council**

Offertory collections are up 4% from what was budgeted last year. Even with last year’s \$28K deficit rolled over we should break even due to expected proceeds from the Golf Classic, Flea Market, Did You Know Campaign, etc.

## **Development Council**

Restaurant Fundraising has slowed down slightly.

Vehicle Donation program has brought in \$21K overall with four new vehicles now being processed.

## **Social Ministries**

The first Social Ministries Retreat was held Sat. March 19<sup>th</sup>. Each ministry was asked to give a four-minute talk explaining its mission and operation, and also how to relay this information better to the whole parish. The group felt this should be an annual event.

Blood Drive was held on Sun., May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

CPR Program celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at STM. A new course, Hands-Only CPR, will be offered twice a month starting in June.

Culture of Life sponsored a very successful baby food drive in May for Birth Choice, collecting an abundance of food plus \$300 in cash.

Fraternity House & Michaelle House: More’s Workers has agreed to repair and paint the living room and kitchen. Dave Parks is the team leader.

Just Faith: most participants completed the 30-week program. The closing retreat was May 14<sup>th</sup> at Mission San Luis Rey, with participation from STM, St. Francis, St. Peter, St. James and St. Patrick's. The program will be offered again next year.

North County Solutions for Change: Parish fundraising appeal is scheduled for Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. There is some difficulty getting volunteers for monthly meals.

Social Justice Committee: STM hosted the North County Interfaith "Reflection on Immigration" on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with an attendance of 120.

Prayer Request Line: There is a need for more individuals on the phone tree. A suggestion was made to possibly use e-mail to elicit help but it would need to be overseen by an individual other than office staff.

## **PO&E**

Golf Classic – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Knights of Columbus – Lenten Fish Fry Dinners were very successful

Senior Ministry: Treasures 2011 Flea Market is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. The first planning meeting was May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Social Activities: Holy Thursday Dinners had over 100 participants. Parish Campout is July 8-10<sup>th</sup>.

Parish potluck: June 12<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Widows & Widowers meeting with potluck to follow on July 10<sup>th</sup>

Women's Guild: March Luau had the largest turnout ever. New officers will be elected in June.

## **Marriage & Family Life**

Themed events planned each month

ACCTS continues to work with North County Young Adults

## **Liturgy Committee**

No report at this time

## **7. Emerging Issues**

### **8. Clergy Comments**

The Annual Catholic Appeal assessment for STM is \$48K, \$46K of which has been collected. A second mailing is in progress.

Stewardship weekend will be moved to January. Since this coincides with the end of phase II of the Capital Campaign, an interim plan will need to be in place to continue the acquisition of funds for our new loan. It will hopefully be closer to

groundbreaking as well. The format for Stewardship Awareness will remain the same.

An exciting meeting with the interior design team and the staff was recently held focusing on both the interior and exterior design. The next day, both the architect and liturgical consultant worked together fine-tuning the interior plans.

The next quarterly meeting with the diocese will be in September with groundbreaking most likely in early 2012.

## **9. Closing Prayer**

All members participated in The Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Father Mike will lead the opening prayer.