

**Church of St. Thomas More**  
**Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Date: May 26, 2010**

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

**1. 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
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Dick & Charlene Belprez	Social Ministries Chair
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair
Pat & Lisa Attardo	Parish Organizations & Events Chair
<b>Those not in Attendance were:</b>	
Jen Frost	Marriage & Family Life Chair
Chris Smith	Director of Stewardship and Development

**3. Agenda Review**

**4. Old Business**

The Council continues to revise the Pastoral Council Charter. Simple changes regarding number of committees and their names, council responsibilities and frequency of meetings have already been made.

The term limits for council members will be three years rather than two. A second three-year term may be served at the pastor's discretion. After a total of 6 years a member will be asked to step down from their specific position for two years.

A delegate may stand in for an absent committee chair.

Once the Charter is approved it will be reviewed bi-annually and kept on file both in writing and electronically.

## **5. New Business**

The International Stewardship Conference will be held in San Diego this year, September 19-22. The parish will divide the enrollment among 2-3 interested members of the three councils, along with Fr. Mike and Chris Smith.

## **6. Committee Updates**

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

- ***Evangelization:***

Still vacant

- ***RCIA:***

Seven candidates and one catechumen were confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

- ***Religious Education for Adolescents and Children:***

Re-enrollment is under way for the 2010-2011 program.

VBS 2010 – “High Seas Adventures” July 19-23

- ***Adult Religious Education Committee:***

Bookies presentations continue every other month.

Deacon Tom and Pat are facilitating Rediscovering Catholicism II.

Two presentations by concentration camp survivor, Yaja Boren, are scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

- ***Middle School Youth Ministry:***

Summer schedule

Ron & Louise Briseno will step down - new Youth Advocate, Mark Raymundo, begins his ministry July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mark will speak at all the Masses the last weekend of June.

- ***High School Youth Ministry:***

Summer schedule

Steubenville San Diego is July 23-25

Jeff & Gale Gibbons will step down after 20 years of high school ministry.

All retiring youth ministers (middle & high school) will be recognized on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 Mass.

- ***Liturgy of the Word for Children:***

We are still in need of facilitators. Recruitment ideas will be discussed with Chris Smith.

- ***Sacramental Preparation:***

27 children are celebrating their First Eucharist this year at different Masses: May 9<sup>th</sup> (10:30), June 12<sup>th</sup> (5:00) and June 13<sup>th</sup> (10:30).

35 teens and one adult were confirmed May 15th

## **Finance Council**

Golf Classic raised \$55,000.00

Meeting this year's budget will be difficult although we are close. The budget for the next fiscal year will be tight as well, and the Finance Council is doing all it can to balance the budget.

Expenditures for the year include resurfacing the parking lot that was put off from last year.

Needed general repairs and remodeling of parish will be kept to a minimum.

Capital Campaign reports 53-57% of parishioners pledging after a second mailing. It is imperative that we take advantage of current decreased costs of building new sanctuary if at all possible.

The council discussed several ideas to increase financial support.

## **Development Council**

Restaurant fundraisers doing really well - next location pending

Recent update on Capital Campaign was reported at all Masses

Looking for more innovative ways to help meet building fund goal

## **Social Ministries**

North County Solutions for Change - Objective set to educate parish on mission and accomplishments of Solutions. Social Ministries is working with staff to plan a fall open house involving STM. A short video on Solutions for Change was presented to council members.

Blood Drive – May 30<sup>th</sup>

Brother Benno – food drive less than last year in spite of two truck loads and \$261 cash

Birth Choice – Pennies from Heaven collection in July

Fraternity House – information meeting for interested parishioners May 27<sup>th</sup>

Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice – tracking issues related to local elections

Sick & Homebound – seeking more Eucharistic ministers

St. Bonaventure Mission – seeking volunteer in Knights of Columbus to head fall clothing drive

## **PO&E**

Golf Classic was a success April 30<sup>th</sup>

Anne Marshall, historian, is stepping down though she will continue to take photos – seeking someone to archive events

Knights of Columbus June Breakfast pending

Parish Potluck – August 20th

Senior Ministry luncheon April 15<sup>th</sup>

Women's Guild luncheon May 22<sup>nd</sup> raised \$3000.00. Installation of officers is June 12<sup>th</sup>. Quilt raffle is final planned event.

Catholic Widows and Widowers (No. Co. group) meet twice a month and are looking for meeting space.

## **Liturgy Committee**

Kathy Arciero, Fr. Mike and Douglas Lynn are working on restructuring the present liturgy committee. Bishop Brom has designated the second Sunday in October as "Rosary for Peace Sunday".

## **Marriage & Family Life**

April 2010 Mother's Day Flowers - about 800 flowers were distributed at Masses on Mothers Day weekend.

June 2010 Father's Day Cookies – coordinating baking and distribution with parish members

February 2011 Valentine's Day – coordinating marriage-focused events with Jolene Schanzenbach over the summer

- **ACCTS:**

Monthly meetings with varying levels of participation

After-Mass Dinner May 22<sup>nd</sup> after 5pm Mass

Padres Game TBD in July

## **7. Emerging Issues**

None identified

## **8. Clergy Comments**

Annual Catholic Appeal assessment for STM is \$43K, increased from \$39K last year and we're presently at \$39,700. The diocesan goal is \$3 million which is an increase of \$500,000 from last year. The increase of money will be directed to inner city parishes and schools. Because of this increase, our parish assessment was raised.

Secondary Education Initiative - we have pledged \$1 million and have paid \$370K so far, exceeding diocesan expectations. Monies go to Cathedral High School now, and in turn will be repaid to Pax Christi, when building plans begin in North County.

Aegis wants to organize a cocktail hour and dinner fundraiser for STM.

STM 25th Anniversary Celebration is October 17<sup>th</sup> – an inexpensive, family-friendly gathering possibly using the adjacent 5 acres

"Fr. Mike's Table" at Bucca de Beppo another possible fundraiser

## **9. Closing Prayer**

All members participated in The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Our next Pastoral Council meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Arciero will lead the opening prayer.