

St. Thomas Parish
Parish Council Meeting
January 6, 2009

Attendees: Shaun Broering Theresa Broering
Jean Cate David Deavy
Charlie Hardebeck Tom Hosty
Patti Rolf Mary Paula Schuh
Erich Wagner Jill Wagner
Fr. Roger Cooney

Guests: Jeff Oldiges, Andy Hemmer and Eric Neinaber

Meeting began with introduction of our guests. Jeff presented a revised version of our web-site. Discussion with council on changes to web-site. Jeff will come back with second version. Council will be sent a sample for review.

Andy Hemmer received copies of previous “newsletters” just to get an idea of what we have had in the past.

Action: Council will provide a list of organizations for the web-site.
A Bulletin notice will run notifying the parish of the new publication.

Minutes were read, minor correction (under Stewardship, should be “what Stewardship will be preparing for its presentation on Commitment Weekend and under Maintenance (while the New Lexington, Ohio Company is making tiles).

Motion moved for approval by Patti Rolf and second by David Deavy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance

Roof – Slow this month partly to weather; tiles are in at Imbus Company; tower is done; tuck pointing (getting 2nd estimate); also checking inside church.

Windows – Scaffles do not need to be left up when its time to paint, per Patti Rolf.

Facilities Committee – E-mail going out to set up meeting.

Worship - Christmas decorations went well this year. A number of parishioners helped put them up. They will be taken down this coming Monday [1/12]. There was a little damage to our church crib – damaged pieces will be given to Mr. Roser for repair.

January 20th is our next scheduled meeting.

Stewardship – Shaun Broering reported that we had a great response from survey. Within the next week or so a mailing will go out to those who signed up for different ministries.

Also “Parents Night Out” was able to provide services for 20+ children, while their parents “went out”.

Social Action – David Deavy reported on St. Vincent de Paul. Presently they have distributed \$3,800 helping 24 families.

Question for discussion: should they publish what their doing within the community?

Family Life - Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th. We have 36 students from school and PREP receiving confirmation this year. Council will provide a reception for the students and their families. Our youth representative to council, and some of her friends, will help out with “cake cutting” and “refreshments”.

Finance – No report

Development Committee – Documents/forms on the endowment program are in the hands of a lawyer for review.

Board of Education

- Advent ‘shoe’ boxes for Fr. Beiting were a big success from the school, PREP and the parish.
- 1st Graders went to Oyler Elementary (Price Hill).
- Grants: Mrs. Smith received \$1,000 and Sam Sung has granted \$61,000 in technology (\$30,000 to equipment – 24 lap tops)
- Public Relations: Cincinnati Family Magazine; 2 articles in Ft. Thomas Living
- Accreditation still in process.
- Five (5) teachers will reach significant “years of service”
- January 25th – Open House
- Tag Lines (Sharon B. developing “what our school is?”)
- Sharon B. will send out advance registrations for school.
- Elementary Bible School – Andrea Bunch is reviewing this program to use in Summer Bible Vacation and extend up to primary.
- Journey of St. Paul – April 1st (Sharon B. working on logistics)

Youth

- *Youth 2000* had 450+ in attendance. St. Thomas’ attendance down a few this year. [Question: should 8th graders be extended an invitation to *Youth 2000*.]
- Dan Pikar is setting up a ‘youth mass’ (12:15 mass)

Diocesan Pastoral Council Report – Mary Paul Schuh to attend a meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Mother's Club – No report

Boosters – No report

NEW BUSINESS – Mass counts were down in 2007; 2008 is coming back

Pastors Comments: Would like to see report from (generic in style) St. Vincent de Paul

Next meeting, Tuesday, February 3rd

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with a prayer by Father Cooney.