

St. Thomas Parish
Parish Council Meeting
April 1, 2008

Attendees: Theresa Broering Jean Cate
 Tom Hosty Wil Martin
 Mary Paula Schuh Julie Van Curen
 Erich Wagner Fr. Roger Cooney

Meeting began with a prayer at 7:35 p.m. by Fr. Cooney

Minutes of our March 4th meeting were read and with some minor changes motion moved by Mary Paul Schuh to approve and second by Julie Van Curen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance – Received contract (on roof) with architect. Father Cooney sent to Diocese. When bids come in, Diocese will review (hopefully by September 1st). (Any restrictions will be presented to architect.

Note: Driveway needs some work

Steps to Gym and Activity Center need some repair.

Doors – we have two estimates- per Father Cooney, Charlie Scheper is looking around for some more bids.

Worship – Easter went well. Decorations and services also went well. Comment received about 10:30 mass went “too long” per some fellow parishioners.

Stewardship – No Report

Social Action – No Report

Family Life – High School Senior Brunch is scheduled for April 27th after the 10:30 mass. This year we have 50+ graduates.

Finance – Offertory Program shows that with the 437 cards received \$720,000 was projected for TY compared to \$615,000 for LY. We had \$22,000 over LY in February.

Board of Education

- As of this date we have 27 first graders, 18 kindergarteners and 110 families registered.
- Tuition rate has increased 3%
- 4th & 5th graders took 1st place (overall) in the Regional
- Art teacher (Mrs. Edwards) is leaving

- Art Show was a success
- April 24th – Family Fitness Program
- Grandparents Day - Lots of Fun Question rose: Could “kids serve” instead of sitting in class room?

Youth Ministry – No Report

Diocesan Pastoral Council – No Report

- Mother’s Club – Julie Van Curen
- April – “Everyone Counts”
- Derby Party is scheduled for May 3rd

Boosters

- May – end of year picnic
- Elections (Taul/VP)
- Principal’s List – will help with \$20,000

OLD BUSINESS

Development Committee – have two proposal they are working on 1) endowment and 2) adult education/PREP programs

DPAA – Goal is \$400 up from last year. We are starting with a Pre-Awareness weekend, then Awareness and finally Commitment.

The matter of changing the time for the scheduled 4:30 Saturday mass was tabled for now. Suggestion was made that we survey the parish before we decide.

E-Mail Policy – Wil Martin to discuss with Ms. Bresler and Eric Nienaber ...just all that needs to done.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Festival – July 11 – 12 (Letters will be going out to PREP families for their involvement in this years event.

Discussion came up on changing PREP from Wednesday to maybe Sunday mornings. (Some students are coming on Wednesday’s too tired, uninterested, etc.)

Pastor Comments - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 with closing prayer.

