

St. Thomas Parish
Parish Council Meeting
September 2, 2008

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

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

Minutes were read, minor corrections, motion moved for approval by Patti Rolf and second by Tom Hosty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance

Roof – contract close to being signed for Imbus Roofing (estimate cost \$376,000). Construction should begin the following week from date of signature - once contract is signed and meeting with Imbus Roofing, we will notify the parish.

Doors – We have four bids ranging from \$30,000 - \$40,000. (This is for the exterior doors only)

Windows – While we are working on the roof, Tom Rolf will check out the windows for chalking and painting.

Facilities Committee – next meeting September 10th.

Worship

Next meeting scheduled September 8th to go over the schedule thru Christmas.
More lighting is need in the Library ‘cove’.
We recently purchased two new tables for altar.
St. Thomas has a new banner

Stewardship – No Formal Report

We had several new faces at the Stewardship Sunday
Recommendation that we have gathering in the Fall rather than Spring

Social Action – No Report

Family Life – No Report

Finance Council

Signed off on 2008 finance
Suggestion – Do you think “roof tiles” would sell?
How about the “replica of church”

Board of Education

Enrollment this year – 171 last year 172
Hiring an aid for Mrs. Nichols
Three new faculty staff members
Three staff members attending Xavier University for Math program
Paints four classrooms and restrooms for the new year
Three new SMART boards
Two Pre-K class – Spanish is even brought to the pre-k programs
Accreditation will come in Spring
New program with year on “conduct”
PREP – 80+ students this year with some new teachers. Added 2 weeks earlier this year.
Began the year with Mass attended by family/relations members.
Vacation Bible School – 70 students (had to turn away several)
Catechical Sunday – September 21 [PREP, Bible School, Religious Teachers, etc.]
New carpet in Pre-School
Security Issues – Looking into possible ways for better security - “Swap Card” or “Key Fab” (alternate approach) for school and cafeteria. January, 2009 is our goal on this issues.

Youth – No Report

Diocesan Pastoral Council

No new news
Discussion was held on clarification on the elimination of “special” masses.

Mother’s Club - No Report

Boosters Club

Next Meeting – September 15, 2008
Bill Bunch will chair the Turkey Festival
Gave \$1,000 for air conditioners in school

OLD BUSINESS

Development Committee

Wil Martin has gathered documents regarding endowments. These documents will need to be passed on for legal advice. Need to contact “older” parishioners regarding the Hillenmeyer Foundation. We need to obtain information on how the foundation worked in the past.

E-Mail Policy

Meeting has not been held with Sharon and Eric N. to discuss our e-mail policy. Meeting scheduled for later in September.

Lighthouse Media

Met with representative of Lighthouse, Dave Zerhusen. We will place the CD's and material in the back of church on the weekends and the chapel during the week.

CPR Classes

Dr. C. Hardebeck reminded us of the September 22nd class in the Activity Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth 2000 scheduled for November 21 thru 23rd. Ellen Curtin, from our parish, is involved through NCC.

PASTORS COMMENTS

Stewardship (Renewal) Sunday is coming up. Our parish will be concentrating on the Bereavement Committee and our Ushers.

Met with Sr. Marg. Stallmeyer (Thomas More) about a \$30M campaign. Approaching all those in the area with a \$50,000 suggested request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with prayer by Father Cooney.