

St. Thomas More Newman Center
Parish Council Minutes
September 26, 2007

Members present: Lucas Volkman, Suzanne Lammers, Fr Joachim, OP, Alex Stewart, Fr Thomas Saucier, OP, Tom Kayser, Craig Eck, Ted Arthur, Bill Farfan, Sarah Neumann, and Carol Miller.

Members absent: Frank Twenter and Esteban Ruvalcaba

The meeting opened at 7:03pm with prayer led by Carol Miller.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as read.

In Eleanor's absence President Lucas Volkman handed out the minutes from the Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting held in April and a listing of "Talking Points" from previous DPC meetings for our review. Through Lucas, Eleanor requests we come up with points of interest/inquiry for the October meeting.

An updated listing of the Commissions structure was handed out. Lucas asked that we review the bylaws so we can define the purpose and actions of each Commission. At our Oct meeting we will concentrate on four Commissions and finish the other three at the November meeting.

Sarah Neumann, on the endorsement of Angelle, submitted Josh Duncan's name as the student to fill the open student seat on Parish Council. Both Fr. Thomas and Fr. Joachim also praised Josh's qualities and ability. Bill Farfan moved that we accept Josh. Alex Stewart seconded. The council unanimously voted to accept Josh for the position.

Pastor's Report:

The carpet is picked out but installation will wait until a definite decision on the audio/visual equipment is made. Fr. Thomas, with the Building and Maintenance Committee, did a walk through the building for other necessary maintenance projects. Carpet will be replaced in some areas and stained concrete will be used in the extreme high traffic areas. They are looking into installing a room divider in the Disciples Room and cabinets and closets in the MPR.

The Parish Mission will be held Oct 12th and 13th and Fr Thomas encourage the Parish Council members to be present. Mary Leuci is the coordinator and contact person for the mission.

Financially things are going well. Collections are up 11%.

CEP has started and the Edge starts soon.

Archbishop Foley will be the guest speaker for Newman Week's Speaker Series. This is 100th anniversary for the "J" school, which is Archbishop Foley's degree and position at the Vatican. He speaks on Friday Feb 1st.

Commission Reports:

Campus Ministry- Suzanne Lammers: Starting to gear up for Homecoming events.

Social Justice- Esteban Ruvalcaba: (Sent via e-mail due to Esteban's absence) Materials available for participation in the Crop Walk on Oct 7, 2007. Bill Quigly is available to come speak in April. Newman received a thank you note for the donation of the many coats and blankets. A movie Night is being planned for once a month – "Dead Man Walking" is set for Oct. Chad Parmenter, a PhD student spoke on his experiences in Nairobi Kenya. He wants to develop a fundraiser to help schools there. The committee asked that he bring back a more formal request.

Religious Ed - Frank Twenter: No report in his absence.

Stewardship: Bill Farfan: No report, they haven't met yet.

Hospitality: Ted Arthur – had to leave the meeting before giving his report.

Worship- Craig Eck: No Report

Tithing- Alex Stewart: No Report

Special Projects – Tom Kayser: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm with prayer led by Carol Miller