

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 10, 2008

PRESENT: Father Walter Helms, Mary Merchant, John LePeau, Connie Cook, Mary Gregg, Nancy Graf, Kathy Donnelly, Keith Staley

Opening prayer was by John LePeau.

Correction of last months notes: The "Foundation" should have been identified as the University of Iowa Foundation in regards to parking lot rental. Minutes were then accepted with the motion by John and seconded by Kathy, with that correction.

PARISH RELOCATION: Chairs will be used in the Sanctuary. Two window designs are being presented by the architects. Liturgical furniture is optional, depending upon use of present equip or having new ones designed. The Architects fee is \$376,122. The council approved the billing. The assessments for the property in Coralville are coming up. The one-time assessments are for #1. Rainwater run-off: \$17, 500; #2. Connection to the sewer: \$58,950 (\$3,930/acre for the 15 acres of the property. The next Steering Committee meeting is May 7, 2008.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: There are 4 seats that are up for election on May 31, 2008.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The budget is in the black. There are discussions ongoing on the matter of the position of Pastoral Associate. Opinions are leaning towards not retaining that position. The ADA pledges are at \$33,000 vs the goal of \$50,000.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Members of the committee participated in the IC CROP walk on April 6th. The May collection will be for women's care products for the IC Shelter House. The May collection will be for men's care items. We are considering participating in the cooperative effort of ToGather Together, to amass money and materials to provide clothing and school supplies for over 2500 at need students for the next school year.

FAITH FORMATION: There will be textbooks used next year for RE. There is discussion underway to decide if the Youth Minister position may become a full-time position and address the inclusion of all youths.

EVANGELIZATION and STEWARDSHIP: Thank you's are being done for those that are doing not so public stewardship efforts

CHURCH and FAMILY LIFE: Mary Gregg is stepping down as coordinator of this committee. She has been trying to find someone to take over the position without success. Father Wally remarked that a new parishioner may be up to taking over Mary's position.

REGINA: The President Model will be in place July 1st.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES: St Patrick's will hold a "Ground Blessing" April 13th. Regina students have been active in community, national, and international philanthropic projects.

Closing prayer led by John.

The next meeting is May 8, at 7 PM. Mary Gregg will lead the prayers.