

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 8, 2008

PRESENT: John LePeau, Pat Zimmerman, Peggy McKittrick, Connie Cook, Mary Merchant, Mary Gregg, Nancy Graf, Margaret Kaltefleiter, Ed Goldsmith, Judy Duncan, Mark Hingtgen, Keith Staley

Opening Prayer by Mary Gregg.

April minutes were amended to reflect that Nancy Graf had presented the result of the parish survey were presented to the council. The minutes were then accepted.

PARISH RELOCATION: The sale of the church is not yet final. We expect a decision by 5/15 by the University. If the sale goes through as expected, the Bishop has indicated that the Financing plan is acceptable and that would make a construction start date during September 2008. We will be using the current Liturgical equipment at the new church. The pews will be sold as we will be using chairs at the new location until the main Sanctuary is built. Michael DeSanctis will be in Iowa city 5/14/08 for a meeting with the steering committee More detailed drawings of the floor plans were presented to the steering committee 5/7. These will be displayed at all masses. The next committee meeting with the architect will be June 11th. The "Ground Blessing" ceremony will be held on site, June 22 at 9 AM. This will be the only Mass on Sunday and if weather is an issue the Mass will be held at Brown Deer Clubhouse. Press releases are being prepared for local cities and news groups. Bring your shovel along if you want to take part in the "Ground Breaking" after Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Nominations are being accepted. Please do so by May 18th so that we can prepare an information board with pictures of the nominees. Currently, Margaret Kaltefleiter and Peggy Mckittrick are planning on seeking reelection. The election will be held, Sunday, May 31st.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMISSION: Nancy Graf presented three goals that have been identified by parish members. #1 is Improved Communications; #2 Improving the effectiveness of the Parish Council; #3 Make youth ministry programs available for more students. Details are listed on the handout on the Bulletin Board.

EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP: There is a plan being considered, "One by one by one", to bring nonparticipating Catholics back to the fold.

FAITH FORMATION: The 2008-09 Religious Education Calendar has been set with classes at the church and at Education Station in North Liberty. A tour of that facility will be conducted Monday, May 12 at 6 PM.

FINANCE: Formation of the budget was the main emphasis of the last meeting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE and ACTION: We are investigating the opportunity to participate in the program "ToGather Together". This is a multi-denominational effort to provide school supplies for over 2500 needy children in the Iowa City School District. We are also considering ways to recognize the efforts of ST THOMAS MORE Volunteers. More to come.

WORSHIP and SPIRITUALITY: Last Sunday's confirmation and the upcoming Pentecost services were their agenda.

CHURCH and FAMILY LIFE: Mary Gregg has found two replacements to help chair this commission. Mary Jo LeBlanc and Mary Thompson are the people who will take over in October.

REGINA: There will be all day interviews of the lone remaining candidate for the president position.

June 12th will be the next council meeting at 7PM.

Connie Cook will lead the prayers at the next meeting.

Mary Gregg led the closing prayer.