

St Thomas More - Pastoral Advisory Council - Minutes for Meeting 11-13-2018

Attendees: Fr. Michael, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Jared, Jeremy, Lori, Shelly, Kathleen, Kevin, Rodney, Bridgitte, Sandy, Shelly, Andy, Nicholas and Sarah

Not in attendance: Jim

Opening Prayer and Welcome

- Fr. Michael opened with group prayer – Blessings Directly Pertaining to Person

Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2018

Approved

Octoberfest - Update

- Sandy thought this was the biggest crowd he as seen in his 5 years working the FunFest
- FunFest earned about \$10,500.
- Tents added at last minute due to rain added to expenses. Had less corporate sponsorships this year.
- Overall the input received was that parishioners had a good time. This event is the largest family event that we have for our community.
- Fr. Michael stated that we do need to make money off the event. We need to have fun and make a profit at the same time. We only have two major fundraisers so we need to optimize our profits.
- Questions came up about whether the Live Auction takes away from FunFest profits?
- Andy DeHart suggested to take a look around at other parish's fun fests to see what they do and what their profits are.
- Fr. Andrew suggested each ministry should be responsible for certain area of Funfest financially and run it that day. Would be good bonding for ministry to work together volunteering.
- Tents are a huge expense about 2% of overall expenses. Close behind in cost are food and entertainment. We should benchmark other parishes and see if there is any way to make more money.
- Will revisit Funfest in January and will need to get a plan and date for 2019.
- Andy mentioned that Sept/Oct was a crazy month with FunFest and Live Auction. IGiveCatholic was close to these events and CSA is the first weekend in November. Would be nice if we could spread events out over the year. Large parishes usually have a Spring functions.
- Sarah contributed that Funfest is marketed to elementary age kids and parents. Need to market to teens/high schoolers. Need better music. Spring might be a better time for teens. Food is an attraction to teens.
- Nicholas would like to see an area for teens to hang out. Nicholas and Sarah will brainstorm with teens and get back to the council about how to get teens involved and participating in FunFest.

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Other:

- Fr. Jared updated on a Night of Hope and Healing. Was not a full house but had a good turnout for event. He received a lot of positive emails. Planning on having John Finch back for Lent. Adoration was special. Overall good feedback.
- Financial report distributed with many accomplishments including parish being debt free. Andy gave update from Finance committee that contributions were up. This is one of the highest numbers he has seen. Money will be used to invest in our church facilities and infrastructures. Money used to landscape and paint
- Mercy of God Prayer Center will be using Chelsea house as of next year. There are only three of these centers in the U.S. Recently they were based in Austin but had to move out of their facility. Center began at STM and is returning Will need to make improvements to Chelsea House.
- Jeremy talked about the recording of homilies. He bought a hard drive and will record 10:45 mass. Still need to figure out where to post it. Podcast? Website?
- Formal invitation being sent out for Dec 14th Christmas party.

Diocesan Capital Campaign

- Diocese capital Campaign will begin online on Jan 1, 2019.
- Pilot phase completed. Discussion of what are the things needed for the parish. Some thoughts of future projects, New PAC, Adoration chapel, bigger narthex/eliminating wall, improved parking and access from 620.
- Goal is to raise \$3.5 million over 3 year period. Will receive 30% if parish reaches goal. 70% return on anything above goal.
- Fr. Michael passed out letter written by him. Wants input on how to make it more personable. Fr. needs chair people if you are interested or know of people, let him know. Send suggestions or amendments to letter by the weekend. Letter needs to be formal but friendly.
- Brochure being made and will need to take photographs to show our needs.
- Fr. Michael is trying to start this campaign on a positive note that the parish is out of debt but we still need to fix parish infrastructure.

Fr. Jared ended in prayer

<u>Future Meeting Dates</u>	Tuesday, January 8
	Tuesday, February 12
	Tuesday, March 12
	Tuesday, April 9
	Tuesday, May14