

# Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

## Summary of the Pastoral Council Meeting

November 15, 2017

**Present:** Michele Taylor, Jeanne O’Kon, Michael Williams, Joy Smith, Chaney Coggins, Brother Rahl Bunsu, Paul Ebbers, Christa Calamas, Dasha Nixon, Theresa Medehue, Don Thomas, Sheila Hopkins, Dasha Nixon, Kyle Tamer, Mary Ballard, Silvia Alderman. **Absent:** Missy Hollis, Wayne Evans.

**CSU Update:** Kyle Tamer reported that both the CSU men’s and women’s groups are the largest they have ever been. The recent CSU Phone-a-Thon was very successful. The Retreat participation has grown a lot, and a larger venue is needed. The Retreat cost is about \$110 per student. Many students are very interested in attending the *March for Life*, so they plan to recruit a second bus to accommodate the large group. Members of the parish will also be invited to travel with CSU.

**Parish and Family Life Needs:** Sheila Hopkins reported on the 50th Anniversary dinner. It was well-attended and was a very memorable evening. The Parish Picnic was also very successful. Marisa Lewis reported that the weather was beautiful, the food was great, the fellowship was wonderful, and there were many fun activities.

**Christmas Party:** The party will be held on December 16 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. It is hosted by the Pastoral Council. Parishioners can RSVP on the parish web site. People are asked to bring a side dish or appetizer. The Neapolitan Nights will be playing music.

**Education and Faith Formation:** Joy Smith reported that the Trinity Catholic Drama Club showcased their *Fall One Act: Superheroes: With Great Power comes Ordinary Responsibility*. They performed at the District 10 Festival in October in Panama City. Grace Myatt and Theresa Malley will represent TCS when they perform at the State Festival in Orlando in February. The student Talent Show was held on Nov. 3, and the Fall Festival took place on Nov. 4. The *Boosterthon*, the fall fundraiser, raised over \$33,000.00 for school programs.

**Administration:** Dasha provided an update on the Father Murray Scholarship Fund.. The scholarship has a long tradition and is given to one 7th grader and one 8th grader at Trinity Catholic School each year. In the past, Pastoral Council members have contributed to maintain this scholarship. Father John has also contributed some parish funds to support it.

Dasha reported that new tables and chairs were purchased for the Parish Hall. The general building fund contributions are going toward the renovation of the kitchen area. The hall can seat 96 people.

Silvia Alderman suggested that, as a follow-up to the 50th Anniversary videos that she and Michael produced, that the history of the parish be preserved. If events are recorded as they happen, and pictures are stored on a computer in an electronic directory or archive, it would be much easier to put that kind of history together.

**Future Agenda Items:** Chaney inquired as to whether a decision has been made about plans for the adult Faith Formation. Dasha stated that the Dave Ramsey series and one other program will be offered. Dasha will also set up a time to share pictures and experiences from the travelers who went on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father John.

**Next meeting date:** January 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.