

# St. Thomas More Parish Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2026

St. Thomas More – Hospitality Room

**Call to Order** – 7 PM, Opening Prayer – Fr. Mike Clark

**Members present:** Gus Amaya, Jared Anderson, Mary Carrico (by phone), Marian Dunkerley, Mary Katz, Conrad Love, Marie Petrites-Murphy, Dennis Quigley, Dennis Sanders, Camille Warden, Fr. Mike Clark.

**Unable to Attend:** John Colgan, Drew Tritle, Fr. Basilio Az Cuc.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **New & Pending items:**

#### 1. Picnic Planning/Events – Ann Morrow

Ann provided the Parish Council several upcoming dates and events:

- Aug. 1 – Reception for Seminarian Hunter Dickens after 5 PM Mass – Gathering Space
- Aug. 8-9 – Backpack Blessings
- Aug. 8 – SMHS Class of 2006 - Mass
- Aug. 9 – Blessing and Open House for new St. John Fisher House, purchased by STM; 4:00-6:30 PM
- Sept. 13 – Hispanic Food Sales

Ann is now handling the church bulletin; she needs photos of all the Parish Council members as soon as possible. Jill Langston will distribute Ministry schedules. Holly Shockley has retired from the Parish office.

Ann advised that there are 72 families so far who are requesting subsidies for 125 students. More are expected to apply. Families receiving subsidies have several requirements to qualify.

### Picnic

Date is August 30<sup>th</sup> from 12-2:30 PM. There will be a bilingual Mass at 11 AM, no Hispanic Mass that day. Ann is in the process of recruiting volunteers, with several bulletin announcements and e-mailed newsletters. She stated that her understanding was that Parish Council members will serve as a Point of Contact to head up various tasks. She provided a handout detailing the events and number of volunteers needed for shifts, set-up and tear-down. K of C will cook hamburgers/hot dogs provided by the Parish; Craig Willett is providing chicken, added per feedback from last year. Parishioners will provide food via Perfect Potluck sign-up, alphabet split, and walk-ins. Marian Dunkerley stated that Parish Council members were asked to volunteer to stay after each Mass on July 25-26 to help sign people up; Ann said that those volunteers would have to be added to Sign-up Genius. Mary Carrico volunteered to help with that data entry. Sign-up Genius will also be made available after July 25-26. Several Council members volunteered to assist with a variety of tasks.

#### 2. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Fr. Mike opened the floor for nominations for officers.

For Chair: Mary Katz was nominated and declined; Marie Petrites-Murphy was nominated and declined; Marian Dunkerley self nominated and was elected by acclamation. For Vice-Chair: Dennis Quigley was nominated and elected by acclamation. For Secretary: Mary Katz was nominated and elected by acclamation.

St. John Fisher House – Fr. Mike added some detail about the property. He advised it is located next to Sr. Lucy Bonifas' residence and has been remodeled but still needs some updates. The name St. John Fisher House was chosen because he was a companion martyr of St. Thomas More. The property will be used for wedding bridal parties, meetings, and other events where an equipped kitchen would be helpful. Anita Fitch has been commissioned to provide a painting of St. John Fisher, which will be blessed when completed.

### **Committee Reports:**

The agenda had listed the reports as:

- Music/Worship
- Hispanic
- Religious Ed
- Social Concerns
- Parish Life
- Family Life
- Admin & Finance
- Communications
- Stewardship
- Spiritual Life

This format caused some confusion as it did not neatly line up with the current division of tasks among Parish Council members. Marian had a hardcopy of the expired format to share with new members so they could see what the categories were, particularly of members who rolled off the council. After some discussion, Fr. Mike indicated the format on the agenda lines up with the Diocese. It was agreed that for now members of the council would retain their current reporting responsibilities, with the change of Admin & Finance going to Marian Dunkerley, Mary Katz taking Community Outreach, Marie Petrite-Murphy will take Communications & Stewardship, and Conrad Love will take Spiritual Life, working with Fr. Mike.

Marie asked if the reports are supposed to be posted online with the minutes, as she was unable to locate them there. Marian said that reports were all sent to the Council and that she provided the minutes to Jill, and Jill posts minutes to the website. Fr. Mike advised that we can begin including reports with the minutes.

### **Announcements:**

Gus Amaya announced that Esther Arreaza will be the Alternate.

Fr. Mike asked if the group prefers to continue meeting in the Hospitality Room; it was agreed to use the Hospitality Room for future meetings.

**Proposed items for next meeting:**

The Parish Picnic will be the main item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Closing Prayer/Adjournment:** Dennis Sanders; 7:56 PM

Next Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Opening Prayer – John Colgan

Closing Prayer – Drew Tritle

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Dunkerley, Secretary