

**St. Thomas More University Parish (Newman Center)
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes January 15, 2019**

Attendance: Fr. Peter, Sid Baum, Kathleen Hennessy, Dianne Bert, Andy Robel, Diza Hilles, Ryan Murphy

7:03pm Fr. Peter called the meeting to order with a prayer.

Diza Hilles volunteered to take notes.
November minutes were approved unanimously

7:05 Pastor's Update by Fr. Peter:

80 detachable kneelers are in place. An announcement will be made at Masses.
Guest Speaker scheduled for Jan 17. "Is It Rational to Believe in Miracles?" Paid for by Thomistic Institute. Another speaker will be scheduled in the Spring.
Campus Ministry having ALPHA meeting at The Glenwood Restaurant on campus.
Reports that newer students not feeling welcome at Newman Center. Student Leaders, Peer Ministers and Corinne introduced at Masses. Reminded students this is their home. Student Leaders trying to meet on campus.

7:15 Development Update by Andy.

Instead of food baskets this Fall Parishioners donated cash for Food for Lane County. \$10,000 was donated.

Instead of Advent Appeal Parishioners were encouraged to make a Christmas Gift. \$50,575 collected. 41% gave for first time. Thank you notes sent from Fr. Peter well received and appreciated.

Gala development to begin in February. Thinking of special asks for projects that stay at Newman Center.

Council agreed to new Parish Directory. Have not had one since 2010. Set up for Fall at no cost to Newman Center.

7:30 FOCUS missionaries. Discussed the value vs. cost of continuing to have them and how to pay for them. Archdiocese supported them for last 3 years at \$60K per year. Gala was able to raise \$15K as Newman Center will have to begin supporting them. It was agreed that \$60K/year from Newman budget is unrealistic. Fr. Peter to talk with Archdiocese about helping fund the missionaries for at least one year while we evaluate. Parishioners need to know more about what FOCUS missionaries are doing.

7:45 Discussion on Plastics Round Up led by Sid Baum. Lane County Waste Management holding a plastics collection on April 7th. Newman Center can be a collection site for our parish. Sid agreed to be the point person from our parish to be trained. Lane County provides signage and collection bags. Possible offer 2 Sundays. Flyers will be made with information. Kathy agreed to help Sid.

7:55 Dianne Bert brought attention to the Council regarding article in the Catholic Sentinel regarding Liturgical changes and recommendations. Per Fr. Peter there will be no changes at Newman Center until further notice.

8:13 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2019 at 7 pm