

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES 8/21/2008*



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Matthew Apostle Parish is a Catholic community committed to Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, blessed by Life, and guided by the Gospel.

Answering the call to follow Christ as disciples challenges us to support one another on our journey of faith and to witness that faith to others.

Dedicated to the mission of Christ, we strive to be a worshiping community reaching out, welcoming, and embracing all people.

PRESENT: Bob Bowen, Gina Buice, Jim Gately, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Bill Phillips, Bev

Putthoff, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith, Father Lloyd, Dwayne Katzer

EXCUSED: Tim Burdick

GUEST: Bonnie Davis, Agnes Welliver

PRAYER: Janet Mossie

REFRESHMENTS: Bev Putthoff

Meeting began with reading of the Mission Statement followed by opening prayer.

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes accepted as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT:

No meeting

- 1. Year end figures, year ending June 30, 2008 \$15,950.00 deficit.*
- 2. Year to date July to present.... \$15,677.91 profit.*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

No meeting

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:

- 1. Next CCO clean up is set for Sept. 27, info to follow in bulletin.*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:

- 1. Met with Peace & Justice to discuss Faithful Citizenship for Catholics. There will be Bulletin inserts for several weeks listing, explaining, and expanding on each concept of this document.*

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

1. *Jeanne Marie responded to each of the parishioner comments (complaints) presented at our last council meeting:*
 - a. *In regard to two baskets used for collection in the central pew sections she gave the reason for the decision and felt that this did not need to be changed. She is planning refresher courses for the Hospitality Ministers and will bring this up with them at that time. She is asking parishioners to be patient and to pray for those who do not currently contribute.*
 - b. *In regard to the mode of dress of the parishioners she also felt that this was an area that did not need addressing. It is not our duty to establish a dress code for those who simply want to worship in our Church. There is a dress code for the Ministers due to their representation of Christ's calling.*
 - c. *In regard to the excessive conversation in the worshiping space; this has been addressed in various ways multiple times. She does not feel that any other action other than reminders is going to change the situation.*
 - d. *Jeanne Marie also stated that she is available for any individual discussions on any of these issues.*
2. *The prayer chain for Abortions was tabled due to Tim Burdick's absence.*
3. *A parishioner would like to know how we have responded monetarily to the Mission requests (second collections). Dwayne will check on this.*
4. *Jim Gately made a presentation of some of his thoughts regarding community/family event Fun Raisers and the response or non-response of the various Commissions regarding the letter sent to them regarding social events. Special events don't fall off trees and do we need to remind the Commissions or do we need to establish a process? Discussion was held and more discussion to follow at next meeting. We did come to the conclusion that it was not for us to tell the other Commissions or Committees what they are to do and it was also noted that some Committees are extremely small. Bev made the comment that it would probably be easier to get volunteers for a one time event vs. a year or more commitment. Dwayne will bring a list of the activities that are now available at St. Matthew's for further discussion at our next meeting.*
5. *Census lists were given to the Parish Council. Non-responders to the new census sheets will be called to verify their family status with the Parish.*
6. *The first "Meet and Greet" held last weekend seemed to go well. We still did not come to a definite "yes" about the continuance of this and the posting of the agenda the weekend before the meeting.*
7. *There were no suggestions in the suggestion box. A sample form for suggestions was passed around. No decision was made on the usage of any type of form.*

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR: including unfinished items, some addressed above.

- 1. We concluded our Stewardship study. It was felt that the sharing of this info is the primary responsibility of the Stewardship Committee.*
- 2. Our participation on helping with the Parish Survey needs to be finalized.*
- 3. Meet and Greet still needs a firm decision.*
- 4. Follow up with Commissions regarding letter sent to them.*

DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP presented by Dwayne Katzer

We concluded our study with a video by the Most Reverend Thomas Murphy. Final conclusion is that Stewardship is a Life Style reflecting who we are and what we believe in. We are striving to be Disciples of Jesus. You are a true steward when you are able to stop asking the question of HOW!

We did not come to any decision as to the subject matter for this next year. Recommendations are still being solicited from Council Members.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL ALUMNI ARE SCHEDULING A REUNION (to include anyone who attended St. Matthew's School) for SEPT. 20 BEGINNING AT THE 3 P.M. MASS.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AT 7 P.M.

PRAYER: Bill Phillips

REFRESHMENTS: Bill Phillips

MASS VOLUNTEERS

3p.m. Karen

8:30 a.m. Bill

11a.m. Bob