

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES 9/17/2008*



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, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith, Father Lloyd, Tim Burdick

EXCUSED: Bev Putthoff, Dwayne Katzer

PRAYER: Bill Phillips

REFRESHMENTS: Bill Phillips

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:

- 1. Renovation is paid in full. Fiscal report will be in bulletin. July & Aug. both in the "Black" and Sept. going okay. Further report later.*
- 2. Further sealing of driveway to wait until spring.*
- 3. Electrical usage being evaluated due to unusual increase.*
- 4. Information about a financial seminar "7 Steps to Becoming Financially free" a Catholic guide to managing your money. This is a great opportunity for those interested in a Ministry of Financial Freedom; to teach what you learn to other interested people. The group leader is Phil Lenahan. He will teach parish volunteers how to facilitate other parish groups.*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

- 1. Donations from St. Regis have been received for our video library. We are experiencing very little usage at this time.*
- 2. 100 days of prayer will conclude soon. A town hall meeting will be held to do further planning.*
- 3. Discussion was held about having a Halloween Party on the night of Oct. 31.*
- 4. New RCIA classes have started for SMA and St. Catherine.*

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:

1. *Next CCO clean up is set for Sept. 27. Volunteers are still needed.*
2. *Peace & Justice sale of religious articles (Help for Human Hands) will be held in Nov.*
3. *Area wide CCO has placed an application with the City for further funds.*
4. *Crop walk is coming up in Oct.*
5. *Peace & Justice along with Human Concerns & Christian Formation will be placing inserts in the bulletin for eight weeks regarding things to consider when deciding who you plan to vote for. They will start with a refrigerator magnet listing the main principles.*
6. *Silver Threads is going as strong as ever, they have many activities in the works. Check for information in the Gathering Space.*

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. *The usual number of complaints has been received about housekeeping issues; coffee cups not being washed, etc.*
2. *Complaint about the music volume before Mass.*
3. *Parishioner has asked for a recap of the renovation finances: where we stand financially and are we going to be replacing the money that was used in our savings.*
4. *Update for prayer chain for abortion still being discussed. There is a Life Chain set up for Oct. 5, to begin at Gregory and Blue Ridge (Our Lady of Lourdes Church).*
5. *Mission collection amounts will be listed in the bulletin, usually the week after the collection.*
6. *Meet & Greet Weekend to be held on the second weekend of each month was finalized. Gina suggested having a table with a sign and copies of minutes. Our upcoming agenda's will also be posted on the bulletin board the weekend before the meeting. This is to start in October.*
7. *No further feedback has been received regarding parish events, except for Prayer & Worship's idea of a Halloween party.*
8. *Update information was received from Jeanne Marie regarding the 100 days of Prayer small group meetings which have now ended. There is now a need for a committee to arrange the agenda for the Town Hall Meeting. Gina will call the people that were involved in the 100 days of prayer planning committee (names were listed on Jeanne Marie's information packet) to see if they want to serve on the Town Hall committee to see the project finished.*
9. *There were no suggestions in the suggestion box.*

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

1. *All items have been addressed except for the follow up of the parish survey.*
2. *Review of activities offered during the year for Parish Family/ Community participation postponed.*

READING MATERIAL FOR NEXT YEAR

1. *“If You Want To Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat” by John Ortberg was suggested by Ruth.*
2. *A book about Parish Councils was suggested by Tim. Kathy checked with Dwayne to see if it would be a good candidate for our study.*

A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2008 AT 7 P.M.

PRAYER: Bev Putthoff

REFRESHMENTS: Kathy Schadle

MASS VOLUNTEERS

3p.m. Karen

8:30 am

11 am Thelma