

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**May 16, 2007**

**Present:** Bob Bowen, Gina Buice, Bonnie Davis, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Kim Morkus, Janet Mossie, Fr. Lloyd Opoka, Bill Phillips, Patty Ping, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith, and Mary Kay Woods.

**Excused:** Linda Cisneros

**Guests:** Georgia Zeller and Jeanne Marie Kohr.

**Prayer:** Mary Kay Woods

**Refreshments:** Bob Bowen

**Review/Acceptance of the minutes:**

- ❖ Need to capitalize the “P” in people. Change in the comma in Seven Secrets of Successful Stewards.

**Temperature of the Parish:**

- ❖ Bonnie furnished the council with copies from “St. Monica’s Parish” in Indianapolis—church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They were sent to her from Katherine DeBacker. You can get emails from the above source by going on to their website.
- ❖ Georgia wants to thank everybody who took the time to come to orientation for the new Council members. Georgia will order name tags for the new members.
- ❖ Gina reported that she would like to see the Council have specific priorities and goals. She reported that while the articles from the Catholic Update are informative that it would be nice to share this information with the other parishioners. The Council discussed different ways, such as, inserts in the bulletin, using the bulletin board, or mass announcements.
- ❖ Bob Bowen expressed concern over the air in the worship space. Dwayne reported that someone will be responsible for turning on the fan prior to mass starting. Eddie has reprogrammed the thermostat.
- ❖ Father would like to see the telephone calls resumed to the parishioners. Janet will obtain an updated roster from Georgia to pass out at the next meeting. Please follow-up if you are only able to leave a message the first time. Patty wants us to think about developing a survey to send out to the parishioners and follow up with phone calls.
- ❖ Commissioning of new Council members will take place on May 19 and 20 at all masses. Also, at these masses we will say good-bye to the outgoing members.
- ❖ Remember to wear red on May 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> masses for Pentecost.

**Catholic Update: Pentecost, Happy Birthday to the Church!**

- ❖ Red is the symbol for Pentecost.
- ❖ Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples after the ascension of Jesus.
- ❖ This is considered the church’s birthday.

- ❖ Father asked Jeanne Marie to discuss a program that she has previously done related to goals and vision.
- ❖ This will be a three session program. Friday night would be an evaluation phase. Saturday morning would pertain to vision. Saturday afternoon would pertain to focus. After this different teams will meet. Then after six months we would reconvene and there will be a progress report.
- ❖ Father would like to get started ASAP. Look at your calendar for July to see what weekends you have free.

Janet reported that elections will be held next month and passed out job descriptions for the positions. Please read as we go forward.

Adopt a Street was signed by present Council members. Karen Lozano notarized. Tim Burdick has volunteered to chair this program and will be responsible for contacting parishioners when needed.

**Administrative Commission Report:**

- ❖ For the operating expenses YTD are a negative \$56,000.
- ❖ The punch list for renovation is still active. There are two major items left to be finished. This includes chemically treating the grout on the tile floor, pulling the pews up and cleaning the floor. The second one is fixing the leaking baptismal font. A \$50,000 payment is being withheld until the floor project is completed. \$10,000 is being held because we are still having an issue with the ambo being raised and lowered. There are also problems with the presider's chairs. We anticipate that the \$50,000 will be paid this fiscal year which ends in June. We anticipate the other payment will be withheld until the next fiscal year.
- ❖ The commission worked the first draft of next year's budget. This will be finalized by the end of the month. Then it will be presented to the Council for approval.
- ❖ The budget situation is serious. The staff will not be receiving raises this year. Christmas gifts will be eliminated. There is no funding for volunteer appreciation dinner. Margaret and Joan Kurz will be leaving. Replacement of staff will be at a lower rate. The news letter will not be distributed; the staff and parishioners will not be able to go to CEU's. We have lost the interest payment from the diocese since we had to borrow the money from ourselves. The diocese has raised our mandatory contribution from \$56,000 to \$70,000.

**Prayer and Worship Commission Report:**

- ❖ Stewardship, Tridium and Easter evaluations were done.
- ❖ Wording on ideas to get the parishioners to use the Video library more.
- ❖ There will be a folk concert singer coming to perform.
- ❖ They are working on a scriptural rosary program for May 31.

**Human Concerns Commission Report:**

- ❖ Blood Drive will be in June 6, 2007.

- ❖ The picnic is June 9 this year. After the picnic the folk concert singer will perform in the church.
- ❖ Silver Threads is very active. They are going to Home Town Buffet, Casino, and a Royals game.

**Christian Formation Commission Report:**

- ❖ Joan Kurz has relocated.
- ❖ They are calling people who indicated an interest in serving on a parish ministry, via the Stewardship form or the Ministry Fair sign up sheet.
- ❖ They are working on the seven principles of the Generation of Faith program. making display boards for the Ministry Fair.
- ❖ They are discussing an education fair for October.

❖ **Next meeting is 06/20/07**

❖ Prayer: Bob Bowen                      Refreshments: Bonnie Davis

**Mass Volunteers:**

3:00 p.m.—Karen                      8:30—Bonnie                      11:00--Bob