

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING NOTES 01/16/2008*



*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, , Bonnie Davis, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Fr. Lloyd Opoka, Bill Phillips, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith.*

*EXCUSED: Gina Buice*

*PRAYER: Ruth Schmidt*

*REFRESHMENTS: Kathy Schadle*

*REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:*

- 1. Minutes were accepted as written.*

*TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:*

- 2. Calls are continuing, nothing notable to report.*
- 3. Many comments have been made about the Prayer space; mostly positive.*
- 4. Question regarding Mass intentions and who should take the gifts up at Mass.  
Hospitality Ministers try their best to find family members; Father feels it should also be the responsibility of the family members. Father will check with Carol to see if the people are told and a blurb will also be put in the bulletin explaining the procedure.*
- 5. Concerns were expressed about the following items:
  - a. Children running in the gathering space and the possibility of their getting hurt.*
  - b. The Spanish response.*
  - c. Where is the suggestion box?*
  - d. Use of cell phones during Mass.**

*These concerns will be addressed in each appropriate way.*

- 6. Soup & Stations will be starting soon. The Parish Council will be responsible for Feb. 8.*
- 7. The proposal letter regarding social activities agreed on at the last meeting was sent to all Commission heads for their discussion with the various committees.*

*STAFFING CHANGES:*

- 8. Dwayne is leaving his position as Financial Manager at St. Matthew's. He will now be full time at the Chancellery. He will still be our Deacon & he has joined St. Matthew's as a parish member. He will still be on the Administrative Services and Stewardship committees; but he will no longer be a paid staff member.*

*DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP by DWAYNE*

9. *What is a Christian Steward? Did you know that Stewardship goes back to Genesis- to take care of God's gifts, to care & nourish the earth. We should recognize that EVERYTHING is a gift from GOD and that he enables everything that happens on this Earth. A steward is a caretaker. This is just a short synopsis of the discussion that was held. Next month we continue our study of Stewardship by again reading Chapter 1 and reflecting on questions 1-2-4-6.*

*DATES FOR NOMINATIONS, ORIENTATION, AND DISCERNMENT:*

10. *Bulletin insert again this weekend Jan. 19/20. A parish council member will speak at each Mass.*
- a. Nomination weekend Jan. 26/27*
  - b. Nomination deadline Feb. 1.*
  - c. Calls made to nominees Feb. 18-27.*
  - d. PPC Orientation session facilitated by Jeanne Marie Heisberger on March 1. Approximately 9 a.m. to 12p.m.*
  - e. PPC Discernment process Mar. 8, approx. 9a.m. to 12 p.m.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:*

11. *Reviewed previous two months. Six months into the fiscal year the budget is **-\$16,496.59** excluding renovation.*

*PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:*

12. *Scriptural Rosary first weekend of Feb.*  
13. *Resuming meetings on Jan. 22, 2008.*

*HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT:*

14. *Jan. 3 is the blood drive.*  
15. *Many activities being planned by Silver Threads, be sure and check them out.*  
16. *Many requests have been made for the menu of the Mardi Gras social event being sponsored by the social committee.*

*CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION REPORT:*

*17. Did not meet.*

*VISIONING MEETING FOLLOW UP:*

*18. Six month follow up for the long-range visioning accountability meeting will be on Wed. Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. A letter has been given to all Parish Council Members. Also the letter will be given to Parish Commission Members and Parishioners.*

*NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2008 AT 7 P.M.*

*PRAYER: KATHY SCHADLE*

*REFRESHMENTS: THELMA SMITH*

*MASS VOLUNTEERS / MEMBERS WILL BE TALKING ABOUT PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.*