

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES 02/18/2009*



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, Tim Burdick, Jim Gately, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Bill Phillips, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith, Father Lloyd.

GUEST: Ann Garth

EXCUSED: Bev Putthoff

PRAYER: Thelma Smith

REFRESHMENTS: Kathy Schadle

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

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: 1 correction in Administrative Services:
Wording to be changed to: Our electrical meter was probably not charging us correctly before Renovation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT:

- No meeting in January; but we are still operating in the “Black”.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

- Picked theme for Lent: Listen with an open heart.
- Re-emphasizing silence as a part of prayer.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:

- CCO looking at Foreclosure issue- trying to get finances to target Ruskin area.
- Longview Road was picked up by community workers.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:

- Catechism classes going very well.
- No other report.

REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION:

- A verbal review and discussion was started. Further discussion and possible changes will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Dwayne received information from Jeanne Marie Heisberger about the age 18 guideline for membership on the Council. No consensus could be reached on this issue. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

PPC NOMINATIONS:

- *We have a firm dateline for Orientation on March 14 and Discernment on March 28.*
- *Jeanne Marie Heisberger has confirmed her availability.*
- *Nomination lists were handed out to each Council member for phone calls.*

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

- *Parish Mission will be during Advent. It has been scheduled that the Redemptorist Fathers will be facilitating the Mission. It will be held for 4 days; starting on Nov. 29th and ending on Dec. 2, 2009.*
- *Town Hall update was discussed. We are waiting for one more report; to be discussed next meeting.*
- *Recap of Renovation was in the Bulletin*
- *Soup and Stations sign up sheet completed for Feb. 27th..*
- *Suggestion Box items:*
 - ✓ *Bike racks still in the works.*
 - ✓ *Quiet before and after Mass being addressed by Prayer & Worship Commission.*
 - ✓ *Bells during Mass. Answer to be given soon to the parish.*
 - ✓ *Request for a phone committee and a pamphlet listing commission and committee information. This is being addressed by Stewardship.*
 - ✓ *No new items were in the suggestion box.*

READING MATERIAL: *“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”*
by John Ortberg. 2nd Chapter facilitated by Ruth Schmidt:

- ✓ *There is no tragedy like an unopened gift; especially a gift given to us by GOD.*
- ✓ *Willingness to use the gift is a chance to grow and become closer to GOD.*
- ✓ *Fear makes people “bury” the gift that GOD has given them; they have to report back to GOD that they were too afraid to use his gift.*
- ✓ *We must be willing to take that chance; to overcome that fear!*

The third chapter will be facilitated by Bev Putthoff.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 18, 2009

PRAYER: *Bob Bowen*

REFRESHMENTS: *Gina Buice*

MASS VOLUNTEERS: *3p.m. Karen*

8:30am Bill

11am Bob

CLOSING PRAYER