

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES 03/18/2009*



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, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Bill Phillips, Bev Putthoff, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith, Father Lloyd,

EXCUSED: Jim Gately

PRAYER: Bob Bowen

REFRESHMENTS: Gina Buice

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

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: *Accepted as written.*

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT:

- *Monthly reports – end of February, year to date: +\$6017.38*
- *Stewardship report – annual drive is underway – stewardship Sundays April 18-19 and April 25-26.*
- *Seven steps to Financial Freedom started last Monday – 5 people.*
- *Building & Grounds, west hallway was completed – new carpeting, new paint & light fixtures. Another added bonus is the fact that the money for these improvements came out of the operating funds and not savings.*
- *Bike racks – sent to Building and Grounds committee for purchase and installation.*
- *Weekly contributions continue to be up approximately \$500.00 per week; compared to last year.*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

- *Picked theme for Lent: Listen with an open heart.*
- *Re-emphasizing silence as a part of prayer.*
- *Triduum schedules are available.*
- *First communion May 3rd. at 11 o'clock Mass.*
- *Video library reported DVD's and tapes were donated.*

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:

- *CCO looking at Foreclosure issue- trying to get finances to target Ruskin area. A discussion was held with State reps and City representatives concerning this issue.*
- *Habitat for Humanity will be renovating 6 houses in the next two years.*
- *Silver Threads going strong as usual; many activities planned in the next few months.*
- *Right to Life speaker coming soon.*
- *“Green Retreat” April 4th.*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:

- *Met regarding long range goals.*

There was a suggestion made that it would be helpful getting monthly notes from each Commission.

REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION:

- *A verbal review and discussion was continued. Further discussion and possible changes will be discussed at the next meeting.*
- *No consensus could be reached on the age 18 issue. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.*

PPC ORIENTATION AND DISCERNMENT:

- *Discernment on March 28, there were 3 parishioners present at Orientation plus Karen Lozano who can discern for a 2nd. Term.*
- *Discussion was held regarding reminding those that said yes a day or two before Orientation and Discernment. A discussion was also held regarding improving our visibility and image. Possible changes next year.*

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

- *Town Hall update was discussed; the final reports were received. We will now evaluate and discuss the 5 goals that were selected, modify if needed, and set our 3-5 year goals. We will then pass the goals on to the appropriate commissions for implementation. Discussion was also held about ways to get accountability reports from each commission. The five goals selected by the Town Hall participants are: Increase membership, increase income, newsletter, increase family & ministry involvement, and homebound ministry.*
- *The sign up sheets that were used at the Town Hall meeting will be put into reports and handed out at the next meeting.*
- *Father Lloyd handed out a letter regarding “bell ringing” at Mass. It will be posted on the Bulletin board.*
- *There was a letter in the suggestion box regarding getting a new up-to-date web site, given to Father Lloyd for more discussion in the Administrative meeting. Father said that it was also suggested in one of their meetings to get “face book” web page for our youth.*
- *Father Lloyd will talk with Don regarding updating of the parish council minutes on the web site.*

READING MATERIAL: *“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”*
By John Ortberg.

We again ran out of time and tabled discussion of chapter 3 at this time.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 15, 2009 AT 7 P.M.

PRAYER: *Gina Buice*

REFRESHMENTS: *Tim Burdick*

MASS VOLUNTEERS

3p.m. Karen

8:30am Bill

11am Bob

CLOSING PRAYER