

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
March 21, 2007**

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

Excused: Patty Ping, Thelma Smith

Prayer: Kathy Schadle

Refreshments: Ruth Schmidt

Review/Acceptance of the minutes:

- ❖ Accepted as written.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ Approved Tim Burdick's proposal to adopt Longview Road from Blue Ridge to Raytown Road.
- ❖ Bonnie discussed "suggestion" box as people do not feel that their questions are addressed or listened to. She feels that we should have a list of questions with the answers on the bulletin board. She will be the co-coordinator for this project.
- ❖ Father also discussed about putting something in the bulletin about the "suggestion" box.
- ❖ It was suggested to change the name of the "suggestion box" to the "question box".
- ❖ Father suggested that we start each Parish Council meeting with praying together the mission statement.

Catholic Update: Understanding Lenten Customs:

- ❖ We were all surprised that you could give up different things throughout Lent. You did not have to keep the same thing for all of Lent.
- ❖ We learned that you could burn, bury, or mulch the old palms.
- ❖ It is permissible to wash ashes off of your forehead.
- ❖ Father said that we could subscribe for \$13.00/year to the Catholic Update.
- ❖ There are other topics in the parish office. Father will provide a list and one will be picked then.
- ❖ Janet has chosen for April "Seven Secrets of Successful Stewarts."

Holy Thursday:

- ❖ There will be practice on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.
- ❖ On Holy Thursday Janet, Linda, Ruth, Kim, Bill, and Patty will have their feet washed.
- ❖ All council members will help wash and dry the parishioner's feet.

Orientation:

- ❖ Katherine DeBacker has offered to host orientation for all new and present Council members. It will be on April 28, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

- ❖ Dwayne also suggested inviting the Commission chairs to attend this orientation also. Dwayne will contact the chairs to invite.
- ❖ As Katherine is moving to Denver, Colorado this will be our last opportunity to take advantage of her spiritual guidance.

Administrative Commission Report:

- ❖ They met to readdress the rental agreement issues for the Family Room.
- ❖ They revisited the security portion for the family room. It was decided to have security at all functions unless Father or the Business Manager agreed to waive.
- ❖ Finances have been re-evaluated.
- ❖ YTD—we are at a negative \$47,000, but \$33,000 is due to unusual purchases such 2 pieces of floor equipment for cleaning and a piano.
- ❖ We have used up all of our savings account money with the diocese and we will not receive any interest payment this year.
- ❖ We will scrutinize next year's budget.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report:

- ❖ They sponsored the last Soup and Stations and will meet next week.

Human Concerns Commission Report:

- ❖ Plans were formulated for a dinner theater outing and to go to see the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Christian Formation Commission Report:

- ❖ Mary Kay reported that Just Faith continues to meet.
- ❖ Looking at programs for homebound parishioners to become involved in.
- ❖ Working on descriptions of the Commissions.
- ❖ Working on having a speaker for Islam religion.
- ❖ Mary Kay passed around books that she is donating to the parish library.

❖ **Next meeting is 04/18/07**

❖ Prayer: Ruth Schmidt Refreshments: Mary Kay Woods

Mass Volunteers:

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