

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES 03/26/2008*



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

*NEWLY DISCERNED MEMBERS: Jim Gately, Bev Putthoff
Not Present: Tim Burdick*

GUEST: Jerry Auckly, representing Prayer & Worship Commission.

PRAYER: Thelma Smith REFRESHMENTS: Bob Bowen

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

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

1. *Minutes accepted as written.*

Vice Chairman, Ruth Schmidt, handed out newly made booklets listing the 4 Commissions and the Commission leaders. Also listed were the various committees under each commission and the name of the person responsible for that committee.

ORIENTATION AND DISCERNMENT REPORT:

A total of 7 people returned for discernment on March 8. Each person gave a condensed version of themselves, their history with St. Matthews, and their thoughts on the challenges of our parish. After quiet reflection 3 new members were chosen and 2 current members were re-chosen.

*Current members: Ruth Schmidt, Kathy Schadle
New Members: Tim Burdick, Jim Gately, Bev Putthoff*

Their 3 year terms will begin in July.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION REPORT:

1. *Financial reports for January and February 2008 were discussed.*
 - a. *January -\$7,634.43 excluding renovation income.*
 - b. *February -\$1,995.11 excluding renovation income.*

- c. *January renovation income \$7,655.00.*
- d. *February renovation income \$6,256.00*

Renovation income is being used to reimburse our surplus account that was used for Capital Campaign debt. It is separate from our normal operating income.

2. *March has been a good month*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

Presented by Jerry Auckly

1. *P& W uses a Sourcebook with a liturgical calendar to plan activities.*
2. *Scriptural rosary is the first weekend of each month; before the 3 p.m. mass and between the 8:30 and 11:00 masses.*
3. *Attendees are needed for the Holy Hour for Vocations.*
4. *Saint of the month is listed most every month on the back of the parish calendar.*
5. *Video library is available for parishioners use.*
6. *Some members are involved in Centering prayer which is a form of meditation.*
7. *G.I.R.M. study is ongoing.*
8. *100 days of prayer to start soon; info coming, to be combined with the stewardship letter.*

Anyone wanting more information about any of these activities or wanting to be a member of the Prayer & Worship committee, please contact Jerry Auckly.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:

1. *Silver Threads going as strong as ever!*
2. *Next blood drive is scheduled for June 4, 2008.*
3. *CCO (communities creating opportunities) has an important meeting on April 3rd. at Metropolitan Mission Baptist Church. The meeting will be with city officials and the subject will be "Support for working families. Join with the 25 CCO member congregations in telling your state legislative representatives to vote for Missouri families.*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:

1. *No report*

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

- 1. Parish Council web site has been updated.*
- 2. Triduum was very well received; many appreciative comments have been received.*
- 3. Parish mission was a success; we had a nice crowd every night.*
- 4. An inquiry has been made about the possibility of a plaque in the gathering space listing all the pastors that have been at St. Matthew's, their dates of service, and date of death if applicable. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at our next meeting.*
- 5. Discussion of the parish survey will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.*

DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP by DWAYNE

We discussed Chapter 2 Jesus' Way. We learned that Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian stewardship. "To be a Christian disciple is a rewarding way of life, a way of companionship with Jesus, and the practice of stewardship as a part of it is itself a source of deep joy. Those who live this way are happy people who have found the meaning and purpose of living."

We will continue next month with Chapter 3 Living as a Steward with attention to questions 2&3.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 16, 2008 AT 7 P.M.

PRAYER: BOB BOWEN

REFRESHMENTS: GINA BUICE

MASS VOLUNTEERS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

3P.M. KAREN

8:30 A.M. BILL

11A.M: THELMA