

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE CATHOLIC
CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES 04/16/2008*

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

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

EXCUSED: Bill Phillips

PRAYER: Bob Bowen

REFRESHMENTS: Gina Buice

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

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- 5. Minutes accepted as written.*

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION REPORT:

- 6. March has been a good month. +\$12,000.00 with a net operating budget of \$8,000.00.*
- 7. Renovation \$4000.00*
- 8. Working on budget at this time.*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

- 9. No formal report. They did discuss the idea of the plaque to commemorate the pastors of St. Matthews. They suggested using the leaves on the Tree of Life.*

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:

- 10. Silver Threads going as strong as ever!*
- 11. Longview clean up next weekend, April 26. Tim reported that the city had lost the records for our clean up and they would need to be redone and re-notarized. Signs will be coming shortly.*
- 12. CCO had a good turnout at the "Family's First" meeting.*

13. *Vacation Bible School will be the second week of July.*
14. *St. James soup kitchen still available for volunteers.*
15. *Funeral dinners have been busy this last week with 3 funerals in two days.*
16. *Crafters and rosary makers still an active committee.*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:

1. *No meeting, next meeting on May 12.*

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

17. *Parish Council web site has been updated.*
18. *No reported concerns or comments per phone calls.*
19. *Discussion was held regarding the Parish Survey results concerning the Parish Council. There were some people that do not know what or who the Council is. Open forums was discussed and the fact that we should acknowledge visitors presence and invite them to participate in opening prayer and refreshments. The consensus was that we have done these things in the past and felt that visitors were made welcome. Nothing was changed in this regard and discussion was ended.*
20. *It was suggested that an announcement regarding the monthly meeting with a copy of the agenda be put on the bulletin board the weekend before the meeting. It is hoped that this will encourage more people to become acquainted with the workings of the Council.*
21. *Discussion was held regarding the suggestion of a plaque. Carol will get the prices involved and more info regarding the leaves on the Tree of Life. A consensus was reached to do a commemoration of some type. Further discussion next month when we have more information regarding the price, etc. and to decide who or which committee should be handling the finalization of this idea.*

DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP by DWAYNE

We discussed Chapter 3, Living as a Steward. We discussed creation and stewardship; working in collaboration in creation with God. To change our mindset to accept our role with God, the overwhelming aspect of working with what God has put before each of us at this moment. To find the way to use our talents. To remember that no matter what, God's love is always. We learned that as good stewards we must take care of God's gifts and leave something for future generations.

Discussion will continue next month with Chapter 4; questions 2 & 5.

NEXT MEETING MAY 21, 7 P.M.

PRAYER: GINA BUICE

REFRESHMENTS: BONNIE DAVIS

MASS VOLUNTEERS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

3P.M: BONNIE

8:30 A.M. RUTH

11A.M: THELMA