

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
July 19, 2006**

Present: Bonnie Davis, Karen Lozano, Kim Morkus, Janet Mossie, Patty Ping, Ruth Schmidt.

Excused: Linda Cisneros, Ann Garth, Dwayne Katzer, Mary Kurz, Fr. Lloyd Opoka.

Absent: Mary Kay Woods.

Guest: Georgia Zeller

Prayer: Ruth Schmidt

Refreshments: Bonnie Davis

Review/Acceptance of the minutes: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ How can the parish council become involved in its goal to welcome back all the parish community when renovation is complete? Ideas were discussed. It was decided that the parish roster would be divided among council members. Each member is responsible for calling everyone on their list before the church is reopened. We will ask if they are currently attending St. Catherine's. If they have any concerns about attending there. Are they coming home to St. Matthew? If not would they like to be taken off the membership rolls?
- ❖ We want to update them all on the progress. Get them excited about a return date and let them know that they are important and a vital part of our parish family. Rosters and questions were passed out council members.

Discussion of Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry. Bonnie facilitated Chapter 6. The parish carries out the mission of the church by proclaiming the word of God through worship and sacraments. To promote the vision of Christ is the role of the parish council. Priests lead the laity to enter the unity of charity. Good council members possess two qualities. They have big ears and are willing to learn.

Discussion on PPC link on SMA website

- ❖ This was tabled as Mary Kurz was not present to discuss. Will try and discuss at August meeting. The link is not available on the SMA website and it is unknown when this will happen. The goal of this link is to provide the agenda and the approved minutes from our meetings.
- ❖ Janet reported that she would email the agenda to PPC the Sunday prior to Wednesday's meeting. This will help to save postage. Ruth agreed and will email minutes prior to Wednesday's meeting for review. Janet has agreed to bring copies in case members forget.

- ❖ Bonnie inquired where the “book” was kept that contained the minutes of the meeting. Dwayne keeps it in the office.

Discuss retreat:

Ruth researched several possible retreat sites. There is an opportunity to attend the Sophia Center in Atchison, Kansas in the fall. The focus of this retreat is “Clay and Fire.” We would be able to make/bake pottery, watch the sunrise, meditation, and attend religious services with the nuns. The retreat would take place on Friday, Oct 13th, about 7:00 p.m. and end Sunday, Oct 15th about 12:00 p.m. There are private rooms and it costs approximately \$130.00 per person. If interested in attending or you need additional information please let Ruth know ASAP as she needs to get reservations and deposit in.

Ideas for coming home for parishioners and goals:

Think about ideas for welcoming parishioners back. Not sure what Renovation Committee has in mind.

Administrative Commission Report:

No report.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report

No report.

Human Concerns Commission Report

No report.

Christian Formation Commission Report

No report.

Discussion of replacing current council member:

- ❖ Janet reported that at our last meeting that a letter would be sent to Lamont Hamilton as he was unable to fulfill his commitment to the committee. Janet sent this letter quoting the Bylaws, Article II, and Section 2. She has not had any reply from Lamont. Motion was made to remove Lamont from the council and seat an active participating member to the council. The motion was carried unanimously to replace existing member.
- ❖ Janet also reported that unexpired terms shall be filled by the chairperson. Consideration will be given to previous discernment candidates.
- ❖ New member will be seated at August meeting.

- ❖ Ad hoc committee to meet on July 31st regarding updating Bylaws. Georgia, Janet, Kim volunteered to be on this committee.

- ❖ Thank you to Bonnie for baking the cake for the birthday at Crittenton.
- ❖ Next meeting: Prayer: Linda Cisneros Refreshments: Ann Garth
- ❖ Ruth will facilitate chapter seven.