

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
September 20, 2006**

Present: Linda Cisneros, Bonnie Davis, Ann Garth, Dwayne Katzer, Mary Kurz, Karen Lozano, Kim Morkus, Janet Mossie, Fr. Lloyd Opoka, Patty Ping, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, and Mary Kay Woods.

Guests: Beth Boerger, Joan Kurz

Prayer: Ann Garth

Refreshments: Mary Kurz and Karen Lozano

Review/Acceptance of the minutes:

- ❖ Minutes should be corrected to reflect that Georgia Zeller and Ann Garth were also present at the ad hoc committee meeting for revision of the Bylaws.

Joan Kurz spoke on child abuse and the diocesan guidelines for the national “Say No” program. We need compliance on a national level. Booklets were handed out. Three programs are available for preschool through 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade, and 7th and 8th grade. Emphasis starts with safety and works to appropriate touching issues. Parents will decide if their children will participate. Teachers will be trained. September 27th will be the first training session at St. Catherine’s so that they can see what the program is about. Video presentations will be shown to older children. Training will be done every year.

Introduction of new council member:

- ❖ Kathy Schadle was introduced to the council members.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ Comments about PSR and Children’s Liturgy of the Word teacher’s are really excellent at St. Matthew’s as they provide guidance and structure to the children.
- ❖ Phone calls indicated that members are really anxious to get back to St. Matthew’s.

Discussion of **Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry**. Karen facilitated Chapter 8 on *Conflict and Anger*. What is conflict and anger? Fear is directed inside and anger is directed outside. To be angry you must choose to be. Myths about conflict include the presence of conflict must mean poor management and leadership. The fact is that conflict happens. When people interact regularly there is conflict. In a conflict situation anger is negative and bad. Anger must be directed towards the problem and not the person. Listening is the key. Practice at dealing with conflict to help clarify emotions and identify values. We are all people of God. We should use Christian manners and work for the common good.

Discussion on Bylaws:

- ❖ We reviewed, discussed and suggested changes in the Bylaws. Changes were discussed and approved through Article I. Discussion will resume at Article II and will be completed at next meeting.

Administrative Commission Report:

- ❖ Dwayne reported that we were +\$1709.27 last fiscal year.
- ❖ First two months of current year at +\$3721.78 balance through August.
- ❖ Renovation—income drop of 24%. Pledge reminder letters were sent out. Construction is on schedule for October 23 minus the pews and Altar. Rededication mass is scheduled for October 29 at 1000.
- ❖ OLOP 23 kids from 15 families. Cost to the parish is \$13,800.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report:

- ❖ Jean Marie is sending out schedules for parishioners who will be participating in the rededication mass.
- ❖ Jean Marie is also sending out schedules for retraining ministers for various ministries.
- ❖ View the web site for further details.

Human Concerns Commission Report:

- ❖ Blood drive was held September 17th at St. Catherine's.
- ❖ Peace and Justice will be participating in the Crop Walk to be held in October. Ruth, Janet and Mary Kay will participate and asking for donations.

Christian Formation Commission Report:

- ❖ Just Faith has started in conjunction with St. Sabina's. Will be held at St. Sabina's and St. Matthew's on alternative basis.
- ❖ After the first of the year other team ministries will be discussed.

Linda Cisneros volunteered again to bake September birthday cake for Crittenton Center.

Kim Morkus agreed to facilitate Chapter 9 for our next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- ❖ Prayer: Mary Kurz
- ❖ Refreshments: Kim Morkus