



ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING NOTES  
09/19/2007

**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

Meeting was started with reading of the Mission Statement.

**PRAYER:** Karen Lozano

**REFRESHMENTS:** Janet Mossie

**REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

1. One change in Temperature of the Parish, item b. Changed to say “was donated money of Deacon Joe & Nan Ofenloch used for renovation”. Answer remains the same.

**TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:**

2. Phone Calls are continuing to parishioners.
3. We need to tell people that Parish Council Notes are in the box in the Sacristy if they have any questions about the Council meetings.
  4. Parishioners are being called back with answers to their questions.
5. Availability of communion being brought to your pew will be announced monthly.
6. A lengthy discussion was held about Stewardship and fund-raising. A distinction was noted between fund-raising & fun-raising. There was discussion that we were basically talking about fun-raising, a getting together of parishioners for comradery. Having small affairs such as selling of baked goods, quilts, dinners, etc. Another example, the parishioners are asked to pay for Mardi Gras in order to attend this event. This doesn't support the budget but helps to offset the cost of the event. The concept of Stewardship doesn't preclude large fund-raising events. There was a suggestion made that we need to discuss and learn more about Stewardship, in order to have a better understanding of its concepts. Dwayne will continue to hand out publications of Stewardship as the PPC continues their education, as well as the parish, on this subject. Gina also asked that a proposal letter to be written to all committees regarding their social activities. It was not decided who would be writing this letter, what it would contain, and would discuss more at the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF “WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC”.**

7. This was tabled in lieu of time constraints and will be discussed at our next meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:**

8. Last 3 months financial reports were reviewed.
9. June 30 year end report was reviewed. Year end we were \$51,000 short
10. Capital Campaign phase 1 is complete and there is no outstanding debt.
11. Stewardship report was given.
12. Use of envelopes to help defray cost of subsidizing Our Lady of Peace school has been well received.
13. Trial use of Children's envelopes will be started. The ultimate goal is to give children an understanding of what it means to give back to God, and to develop that habit at an early age.
14. The financial report changes recommended for the bulletin will be in the bulletin this weekend. Comments next meeting.
15. Fiscal year report will be in the bulletin now since we have discontinued the newsletter sent to parishioners.

**OUR ARCHITECT SUBMITTED ST. MATTHEW'S IN AN INTERNATIONAL DESIGN CONTEST AND.....  
ST. MATTHEW'S WON 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE FOR DESIGN OF A WORSHIP SPACE.**

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:**

16. No meeting was held this past month.
17. Scriptural rosary was held Sat. Sept. 15, only 3 people attended. Discussion will be held at the next meeting to discuss the matter of attendance.

**HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT:**

18. Silver Threads has many activities. Sign up lists are in the gathering space. These activities are open to adults of any age.
19. Eyes Wide Open and Flags of War exhibit will be here the weekend of Sept. 29 and 30.
20. Game night is Friday Sept. 21.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION REPORT:**

21. Parish Mission to be week before Holy week.
22. No other report was received.

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

**23. If you did not turn in your questionnaire that Dwayne handed out please bring to the next meeting with you.**

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR LETTING ME KNOW OF YOUR MEETING NOTE DELIVERY PREFERENCE.**

**NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 17, 2007 7 P.M.**

**PRAYER: JANET MOSSIE**

**REFRESHMENTS: BILL PHILLIPS**

**MASS VOLUNTEERS:**

3:30 Karen Lozano

8:30 Bill Phillips

11:00 Bob Bowen

