



ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES FOR 10/17/2007

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,
Thelma Smith.**

EXCUSED: Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt

Meeting was started with reading of the Mission Statement.

PRAYER: Janet Mossie

REFRESHMENTS: Bill Phillips

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- 1. Changes were made in temperature of the parish #6 as follows:
A lengthy discussion was held about Stewardship and fund-raising.
A distinction was noted between fund-raising and fun-raising.
The feeling was that we were basically talking about fun-raising,
a getting together of parishioners for comradery. An example is
that 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. 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 suggested that a proposal letter 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
be discussed more at the next meeting.**

REVIEW OF RULES OF CONDUCTING A MEETING:

- 2. Dwayne reiterated the rules of conducting a meeting in order to have a more
productive and well organized meeting. Permission to speak should be
recognized by the chair by a raise of the hand. This should allow one person
to speak at a time and allow for less interruptions by numerous speakers.**

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

3. Father Lloyd wanted to remind us that the calls were to be random, not meant to be every parishioner every year. They were to be used as a Spot check of how the Parish was doing in the eyes of the parishioners. He did not want people to feel they had been left out if they were not called each year.
- 4.. A list of possible questions to use when making parishioner phone calls was handed out by Janet. These were suggestions only in order to possibly help the conversation along.
5. There were no new comments made this month. Three questions were asked about the PVC pipe behind the choir chairs, the flag pole, and parking lot repair. These questions were answered and the parishioners will be called back with the answers.

LETTER TO COMMITTEES:

6. Discussion was held regarding Gina's suggestion of sending a letter to each commission or committee regarding their sponsoring social events. After discussion it was decided that Gina would bring a draft of a letter to the next meeting. Janet volunteered to help.

STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION:

7. Dwayne suggested that we use the Stewardship information as our education piece instead of the Catholic Updates for a period of time. This was discussed and agreed upon by consensus. Recommended to start in January, 2008.

DISCUSSION OF "WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC" and "PRAYING THE OUR FATHER WITH THE POPE":

8. Our Catholic faith teaches us to pray and deepens our faith. It helps us to deal with life's pressures. It teaches us that everyone is unique and precious to GOD.
9. Praying the Our Father takes apart each sentence of the prayer and explains its meaning. The meaning of the Our Father goes much further than the mere provisions of a prayer text. It aims to form our being, to train us in the inner attitude of Jesus.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:

10. There was no meeting this month, next meeting Nov. 14.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

11. There will be a Scriptural Rosary the 1st. weekend of each month. They will be held before the Saturday mass, and between the 8:30 and 11 o'clock mass on Sunday. The first one was held on Sunday Oct. 7 and was received very well. Several nice comments were made.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT:

12. Silver Threads is extremely busy, many activities are in the planning.
13. Game night was not very well attended but went well.
14. Social Justice - Eyes Wide Open exhibit went very well. It was generally well received. Mission Sunday - World hunger - this coming weekend. Crop walk , and Life Chain went well. The baby shower for Crisis Pregnancy Center put on by the Respect Life Committee went smoothly and was well received.
15. Bonnie expressed a need for pictures of events for the bulletin board.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:

16. Parish Mission being planned. Date has been set for week before Holy Week. More info to come as available.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

17. Please don't forget to turn in your questionnaire to Dwayne if you have not done so.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 28 (CHANGE DUE TO THANKSGIVING)

PRAYER: Bill Phillips

REFRESHMENTS: Ruth Schmidt

MASS VOLUNTEERS:

3:00 Karen

8:30 Bill

11:00 Thelma