

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 18, 2006**

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

Excused: Kathy Schadle.

Guests: Michelle Burdick, Jackie Wild, Georgia Zeller.

Prayer: Mary Kurz

Refreshments: Kim Morkus

Review/Acceptance of the minutes:

- ❖ Minutes accepted as written.

Michelle Burdick and Jackie Wild reported that Respect for Life Committee was started one month ago. New members are requested and encouraged to participate in this exciting new ministry. Emphasis at this time is focused on defeating Amendment 2, putting up yard signs, and passing out printed materials. Brochures and bumper stickers are available to anyone who would like one. A copy of the Bishop's letter will be inserted in this week's bulletin. The Bishop has requested 3 Respect Life coordinators in each parish. Father will mention this subject at mass. A DVD is available for viewing. The Committee is also working with St. Catherine's at this time.

Ann Garth, as vice-chair person, is responsible for the yearly calendar. She is working in conjunction with the Social Planning Committee. She also requested all parishioners to forward her a copy for posting on the calendar.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ Reminded to keep parishioners names anonymous. However, ask that individual if okay to use their name when relaying information to the appropriate person.
- ❖ Please complete your calls to the parishioners before next Saturday.
- ❖ The calls that have been made are positive and people are anxious to be coming back.

Discussion of **Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry**. Kim facilitated Chapter 9 on *How to Run a Meeting*. On the whole our Council does a majority of these recommendations. Plan in advance. Start and end on time. Use prayer at any time, like in the middle of a meeting instead of always at the beginning. Notify members of the agenda and minutes prior to the meeting. Use appropriate materials. Include personal time and talk. Decisions should be made in a group with everyone participating. Pray before making a decision. Pastor has the ultimate authority. Every person is responsible for making a good meeting.

Discussion on **Bylaws:**

- ❖ We reviewed, discussed and approved changes in the Bylaws.
- ❖ Revisions will be typed and handed out at next meeting.

Administrative Commission Report:

- ❖ No meeting this month.
- ❖ So far renovation is under budget \$35,000.
- ❖ We had \$750,000 on deposit before renovation and now have \$250,000. The parish had voted to use \$500,000. We currently have \$600,000 collected from parishioner's pledges.
- ❖ We are borrowing the rest of the needed money from the \$250,000. This will save the church interest. Then there will be no money in the church fund.
- ❖ Renovation will be done on time with the exception of a few minor details such as the elevator panel, flowing water in the baptismal font, and two of the votive candle places will be empty.
- ❖ We will use a comprehensive punch list with the contractors for final approval so that we can make sure everything is correct and done.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report:

- ❖ All parishioners are reminded that the service for All Souls day is November 2.
- ❖ Invitations have been sent out parishioners who lost a family member that was buried through St. Matthew's.
- ❖ Invitations have been sent out for the rededication mass on October 29.

Human Concerns Commission Report:

- ❖ Blood drive at St. Catherine's was successful. Can always use more parishioners to donate, please consider.
- ❖ Operation Clean Sweep is Saturday, October 21. Looking for volunteers.
- ❖ Crop Walk was successful. All contributions were appreciated.

Christian Formation Commission Report:

- ❖ Just Faith retreat was held. Father Tobin spoke about Third World water issues.
- ❖ Wants and Dreams discussed. Generations of Faith.

Linda Cisneros agreed to facilitate Chapter 10 for our next meeting.

Remember that Parish Council members are candle bearers at the rededication mass. Rehearsal is on Saturday, October 28th at 11:15 a.m. There may be a few odds and ends to assist with completion prior to mass. The renovation committee will ask for volunteers as needed.

Think about dates for orientation and discernment as there will be no meeting in December.

Next Meeting:

- ❖ Prayer: Kim Morkus

Refreshments: Janet Mossie