

*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING NOTES 11/28/2007*



*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: Bill Phillips*

*REFRESHMENTS: Ruth Schmidt*

*REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:*

- 1. Minutes were accepted as written.*

*TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:*

- 2. Calls are continuing, nothing notable to report.*
- 3. The American flag is again flying out front after repairs were made to the pole, people have expressed being happy about this.*
- 4. Bonnie questioned how the "renewal" committee's were coming along, if any further steps had been taken. We were all reminded that the Parish survey was the second step in the process. She also wanted to know what we could do as a Council to welcome new members to the parish and if there was a list available. We were reminded that there is a welcoming committee but it would be nice if we as a council could be notified of new members.*
- 5. Bob mentioned that there were a few complaints of the loudness of the pre-mass music, if it could be lowered an octave or two.*
- 6. A comment was made about calling members that have left to see if we could do anything to change their minds; or if there was a problem that we needed to know about.*
- 7. Thelma stated that she is getting a list together of people that need a ride to Church.*

*DISCUSSION OF "BUILDING & REACHING CONSENSUS:*

*Presented by Dwayne*

- 8. A handout was received listing the various ways of reaching a decision; the advantages and disadvantages of each type are listed. There is always an appropriate way of reaching a decision based on each circumstance.*

9. *Most of our decisions as a Council should be by consensus decision making. This type of decision making was explained very thoroughly by Dwayne. It should be our preferred method due to the fact that our decisions will affect all the Parish members and should be thoroughly discussed and evaluated. It requires communication, patience, understanding, and listening skills and elicits commitment by all members to implementation. Everyone must be able to “live with” and “support” the decision in consensus.*

*PROPOSAL LETTER TO COMMITTEES REGARDING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:*

*Presented by Gina*

10. *With some discussion and a couple of changes the letter was accepted. It was decided by the Chair that Gina would make the changes and send the letter to the various committees.*
11. *Coordination of events should be kept on the office calendar via communication with Carol to prevent scheduling problems and possible duplication of events.*

*POSSIBLE DATES FOR NOMINATION, ORIENTATION, AND DISCERNMENT:*

11. *Bulletin inserts will be used on January 12/13 & January 19/20. It will be decided later who will speak before each Mass.*
12. *Discussion was held regarding who to get to lead the Orientation and Discernment. In the past we have used the services of Marie Heisberger; but due to the cost it was decided that we would check other sources. Gina volunteered to contact Cele Breem & Denise Simone to see what they each charge and their availability. After all this information is obtained a decision will be made as to who we will ask.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:*

13. *Financial reports for Sept. & Oct. were discussed. Four months into the fiscal year the budget is **-\$10,164.00** excluding renovation.*
14. *The Bishop’s annual appeal is \$9,363.00 (61% of our goal). The diocese has*

*reached 65% of their goal.*

*PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:*

- 15. They are discussing the GIRM study – The Worshiping Assembly at Mass.*
- 16. Scriptural Rosary is this weekend.*
- 17. We discussed the idea of having a children's Ministry Camp instead of Server Camp.*
- 18. Upcoming Concerts were discussed, two of which are being held at St. Matthews.*
- 19. Saint of the month and the video library was discussed.*

*HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT:*

- 20. Bonnie was invited and attended a Prayer & Worship meeting.*
- 21. December 8 is the next street clean up after the 8:30 Mass.*

*CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION REPORT:*

- 22. Ginny Phillips attended a program on "Faithful Citizenship". The main theme is to educate voters so they are not voting one issue.*
- 23. Lenten Mission will be held in March.*
- 24. Upcoming St. Matthew concerts on Dec. 9 & Dec. 23, both at 2 p.m.*

*STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION UPDATES:*

- 25. Stewardship books and other reading material were handed out by Dwayne.*
- 26. Homework assignment for January: Read Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup>. chapter. Feel free to highlight or underline pertinent items you want to discuss as the books are ours to keep.*

*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.....*

*NO MEETING IN DECEMBER...NEXT MEETING JANUARY 16, 2008*

*PRAYER...RUTH SCHMIDT*

*REFRESHMENTS...KATHY SCHADLE*

*MASS VOLUNTEERS: 3:00 KAREN 8:30 BONNIE 11:00 BOB*

