



**St. Matthew the  
Apostle Catholic  
Church**

**Parish Pastoral**

**Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**7-18-2007**

**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, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith.

**EXCUSED:** Patty Ping, Kathy Schadle

**Meeting was started with reading of the Mission Statement.**

**PRAYER:** Bonnie Davis

**REFRESHMENTS:** Gina Buice

**REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Accepted as submitted.

**TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:**

2. Several phone calls were made by council members. Many concerns were brought up by parishioners including:
  - fund-raising,
  - money issues (many on fixed incomes), need for ways of increasing & encouraging giving by those not giving at this time.
  - renovation likes and dislikes,
  - problem of not enough servers at Mass,
  - cost of Eucharistic and Lector training, ( there seems to be a misunderstanding of the reason for these fees).
  - getting more people involved,
  - bringing young families into the parish.

How can we address these issues of discontent and other Parish concerns? There

are a lot of unanswered questions in this area. Discussion to continue at a later date.

3. Administrative Services will address ways of clarifying weekly income vs capitol campaign income listed in the bulletin.

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### **CATHOLIC UPDATE: BEING TRULY CATHOLIC TODAY.**

4. Biggest challenge today is how we talk to each other, especially young people about the Church. Sometimes we hear the words but don't seem to listen to the music. We have to dance to the right tune, we have to be a part of it and eventually share totally in the dance of the Trinity.
5. God's love is so full that it can't stay still, thus "dancing with God".
6. It is easy to love a Church that is perfect, we need to love our Church with all its "warts".
7. "Church" means dancing with everybody!
8. We should strive to be "healers" and bring people together. Face the future with hope.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:**

9. No meeting in July or Aug.

### **PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:**

10. Gerald Auckly was elected Chairman.  
Judy Collette was elected Secretary.  
No meeting again until September

### **HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT:**

11. Family night is Friday July 20.
12. Blood drive is Aug. 8
13. Silver Threads- meeting cancelled- chair exercise program postponed.
14. Funeral Dinner Committee doing great, no concerns. Rosie Burns does a great job of organizing the people and the food.
15. Drivers needed to pick up and deliver food to Holy Family House on Monday

and Friday each week. Bonnie to post on bulletin board and it will be placed in the weekly bulletin.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION REPORT:**

16. Did not meet.

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17. **NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 22, 2007 as AUGUST 15 is a Holy Day.**

18. **There is a box in the sacristy for committee meeting notes. Notes for PPC members without e-mail will also be placed in this box.**

**PRAYER: Gina Buice**

**REFRESHMENTS: Karen Lozano**

**MASS VOLUNTEERS:**

3:30 Karen

8:30 Bill Phillips

11:00 Bob Bowen

