

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES 08/22/2007

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,, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith

EXCUSED: Bill Phillips

RESIGNED: Patty Ping

Meeting was started with reading of the Mission Statement.

PRAYER: Gina Buice

REFRESHMENTS: Karen Lozano

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

1. Accepted as submitted.

TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:

2. Phone Calls are continuing: among the questions and concerns:
 - a. Why not chairs instead of pews? Pews are traditional. Trial pews were available for the parishioners to vote on. The most popular one was chosen.
 - b. Was donated money used for renovation? Yes, some. Money was donated for the Church to use as needed.
 - c. Why was I asked for my Social Security number? The social security number is not needed for anything other than background checks for adults working with children.
 - d. The need to publicize the availability of communion being brought to your pew when needed. Who to tell, etc.
 - e. More Mass activities for children in order to get the children to participate and be excited about coming to Mass. For example: children's choir and liturgy, bring up the gifts, be ushers and greeters.
 - f. I filled out the Time & Talent form and I haven't been called, why not? The lists have been delivered to the appropriate people for phone calls. All that have volunteered should be called and if not let Dwayne know specifics.

All of the above will be answered or will be given to the correct people for answers. The Council member will then get back to the parishioner as appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF THE BYLAWS:

3. Decision making clarified.
4. No other issues were brought up. No changes were made.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:

5. No meeting in July or Aug.
6. Finances for last 3 months have improved.
7. Dwayne advised the Stewardship Committee of the Parish Council comments regarding fund-raising. The committee did an exercise pointing out the differences between stewardship and fund-raising and why stewardship is the better way. He handed out a paper listing the pros & cons of each as determined by the stewardship members.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:

8. Did not meet.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT:

9. Blood drive was a success.
10. Silver Threads going strong, good attendance.
11. Eyes Wide Open exhibit coming to St. Matthews on Sept. 29 & 30. This is the Iraq war boot exhibit.
12. First street cleaning of Longview Road to be Aug. 25.
13. CCO has changed their name to: Communities Creating Opportunity. Father Lloyd will be a board member of the CCO.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION REPORT:

14. No information received.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

15. A questionnaire was handed out to be returned at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 19, 7 P.M.

SINCE THERE WAS A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS RECEIVING THE E-MAIL OF THE NOTES DUE TO PROGRAM DIFFERENCES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NOTES. YOUR CHOICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SACRISTY BOX WITH YOUR NAME.
2. MAIL
3. E-MAIL AS BEFORE.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHICH YOU WOULD PREFER.

PRAYER: Karen Lozano

REFRESHMENTS: Janet Mossie

MASS VOLUNTEERS:

3:30 Karen

8:30 Bonnie Davis

11:00 Bob Bowen