

St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
January 24, 2007

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

Excused: Karen Lozano

Prayer: Janet Mossie

Refreshments: Patty Ping

Review/Acceptance of the minutes:

- ❖ Mary Kay reported that workbooks are being studied by Christian Formation and Adult faith programs.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ Several parishioners have requested that holy water fonts be placed at the side doors to church. Walking to the baptismal font is difficult for some.
- ❖ Some individuals reported that they were not contacted when they put their name on the annual Time and Talent survey.

Discussion of **Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry.** Mary Kay facilitated Chapter 11 on *Self Care and Personal Development in Ministry.* You must have balance. Good health is important. You must make time to be alone. Prayer and reflection must be a part of your every day life. Consider the use of a journal. Do not waste life. Remember to pay attention to the moment. Use the strength that everyone possesses and pray to overcome the weaknesses everybody possesses. Use a prayerful and spiritual person as a mentor. Change one old bad habit at a time. Remember to keep a balance in your life and constantly renew yourself.

Ideas for new book to study:

- ❖ Father Lloyd talked about Evangelization.
- ❖ Mary Kay expressed ideas about different books to study.
- ❖ Mary Kurz suggested books to get other people involved in Parish Ministries besides same people who always volunteer.

Dates for Orientation and Discernment:

- ❖ Nomination weekend is February 17 and 18. Parishioners can submit to the office until 4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2007.
- ❖ Orientation is March 3, 2007.
- ❖ Discernment is March 17, 2007.
- ❖ Flyers to be put in the bulletin the weekend of February 3, 4, 10, and 11.
- ❖ Volunteers to speak at the masses on February 10 and 11---Ruth volunteered for 3:00 p.m., Linda volunteered for 8:30 a.m., and Mary Kurz volunteered for 11:00 p.m.

- ❖ Please clear your calendar for these dates. It is important to represent PPC and lead by example by attending both orientation and discernment.

Administrative Commission Report:

- ❖ Dwayne reported that they met on January 10. There is approximately \$250,000 in outstanding pledges.
- ❖ There is approximately \$177,000 to \$201,000 in outstanding bills for renovation.
- ❖ At the end of December we were negative \$3877.52. We were negative \$11,000.00 the quarter before. But we were \$2000.00 higher than the previous November and December.
- ❖ Most check lists done for Renovation. There are very few small items left.
- ❖ We have on hand \$251,000. We will have \$50-74,000 left after the above bills are paid so therefore we won't have to borrow any money.
- ❖ Rental Policy for the family room:
 - \$300.00—parishioner.
 - \$600.00—non-parishioner.
 - \$400.00—security deposit.
 - \$125.00—insurance.
 - \$29.00/hour for security officer if alcohol is served.
 - If cancelled less than 30 days, \$200.00 of security deposit is retained by the church.
 - The rental party is responsible for cleaning up after the event. The parish is only responsible for reasonable clean-up.
- ❖ The stewardship drive is the first three week-ends after Easter. The theme is still being developed.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report:

- ❖ The parish is reminded that we have holy hour the second Monday of the month from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Plans are being made for the Lenten Soup and Stations. The first of the six will be February 23, 2007.

Human Concerns Commission Report:

- ❖ Bonnie talked about needing more blood donor volunteers.

Christian Formation Commission Report:

- ❖ Met January 8, 2007.
- ❖ Mary Kay reported that the people involved in Just Faith are very enthusiastic.
- ❖ February 2 is Guilford Days.
- ❖ Children are invited to make drawings for Soup and Stations.
- ❖ A nativity play with the children is being discussed.
- ❖ Just Faith is reading the book "Journey for Justice".
- ❖ Just Faith is going to different organizations to interact with the people being served for more personal involvement.

- ❖ **Next meeting is 02/20/07** Prayer: Patty Ping Refreshments: Kathy Schadle