

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 15, 2006**

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

**Absent:** Mary Kurz.

**Excused:** Bonnie Davis, Dwayne Katzer.

**Guests:** John Parks, Georgia Zeller.

**Prayer:** Kim Morkus

**Refreshments:** Janet Mossie

**Review/Acceptance of the minutes:**

- ❖ Minutes accepted as written.

**Temperature of the Parish:**

- ❖ Everyone is glad to be back.
- ❖ New questions will be discussed at January's meeting. Please be thinking about ideas prior to our next meeting.

Discussion of **Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry**. Linda facilitated Chapter 10 on *Change and Transition: Dealing with the Inevitable*. Change happens to everyone. Change can be self imposed or imposed upon us. Life passages bring change. We all experience change personally, communally, or institutionally. Prayer helps in changing. We need to remember to pray and be under the care of the Holy Spirit during change. It is important to utilize the gifts and talents provided by God. Transition on the other hand is a slow process. Transition happens inside us because of the change. It is how we deal with and adapt to change. Ritual actions are a key factor in helping us with transition. Transition has three stages: the ending, the neutral time, and the beginning.

**Revision of Bylaws:**

- ❖ Revisions were graciously typed by Georgia and handed out at the meeting.

Planning was started for Parish Council elections. Dwayne (by default) will contact Jean Marie Hiesberger to see if she is physically able to lead orientation and discernment for PPC. Possible dates that are in mind are 02/17/06, 03/03/07, and 03/10/07. 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:**

- ❖ John Parks presented report in Dwayne's absence.
- ❖ First quarter we were \$11,116.52 deficit.
- ❖ Dedication mass brought in \$19,000.

- ❖ Construction is not complete. Father, Dwayne, Eddy, and Bill Phillips went over and extensive punch list for things yet to be completed. The punch list will be completed in two weeks.
- ❖ The pump for the baptismal font should be in any time.
- ❖ The diocese requires us to use any money on deposit with them prior to borrowing any money. We used the \$250,000 out of our church deposit account. This enabled us to not borrow money and save paying interest charges.
- ❖ Money coming in for Capital Campaign will now be re-deposited into our church account to pay back what was used.
- ❖ The fee for the rental of the family room will be decided at the next meeting.

**Prayer and Worship Commission Report:**

- ❖ Parishioners wanted to thank Prayer and Worship for the beautiful service on November 2. We especially want to thank Jean Marie and Jim Collette for singing the Litany of the Saints.

**Human Concerns Commission Report:**

- ❖ \$1300 has been collected to date for the Crop Walk.
- ❖ Thanks to everyone who was involved.
- ❖ Remember that summer is coming and we need to work on the details for Walk for Life. Details will be forthcoming.

**Christian Formation Commission Report:**

- ❖ Mary Kay reported that workbooks are being developed for Christian Formation and Adult faith programs.
- ❖ Generations of Faith is being talked about.
- ❖ Just Faith group went to Holy Family House and ate dinner with the people who were being served by this mission. This helped them to appreciate the way that the people felt and their needs.
- ❖ The group is reading “Amazing Grace.”
- ❖ They are using A-R-T program for ideas involving social justice.

Mary Kay Woods agreed to facilitate Chapter 11 for our next meeting in January.

Volunteers for mass:

3:00—Kathy

8:30—Linda

11:00--Kim

**Next Meeting:**

❖ Prayer: Janet Mossie

Refreshments: Patty Ping