

St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
August 16, 2006

Present: Linda Cisneros, Bonnie Davis, Ann Garth, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Patty Ping, Ruth Schmidt.

Excused: Kim Morkus, Mary Kurz, Fr. Lloyd Opoka.

Absent: Mary Kay Woods.

Guests: Beth Boerger, Georgia Zeller.

Prayer: Linda Cisneros

Refreshments: Ann Garth

Review/Acceptance of the minutes:

- ❖ Linda reported that she should have been excused from last month's meeting as she called either Carol Wade or Jean Marie to say she would not be present.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ Several council members reported positive feedback from parishioners about returning to St. Matthew's after renovation.
- ❖ Parishioners had concerns about what special events the church would be having when the church reopens.
- ❖ Parish Council was asked if the rental fee for the parish hall could be reduced for church members. Dwayne will have this issue addressed at the Administrative Commission meeting.

Discussion of **Fostering Leadership Skills in Ministry**. Janet facilitated Chapter 7 on *Volunteers*. We all have unique talents and we should share them. We must volunteer in order to share. Volunteerism should be fun. Efforts should be made to secure a broader base of volunteers so that the parish can share each person's unique talents. The role of the Parish Council should be to set goals for the parish.

Discussion on PPC link on SMA website

- ❖ Janet contacted Don Meinen who is a parishioner of St. Matthew's and also the webmaster. Janet will email Don the agenda prior to our scheduled Council meeting and also the approved minutes from the previous month's Council meeting. Don will then post these on the website.

Discussion on Bylaws:

- ❖ Ad hoc committee composed of Beth Boerger, Michelle Burdick, Kim Morkus, Janet Mossie, Ruth Schmidt, Mary Kay Woods met July 31st and August 2nd. We reviewed and suggested changes in the Bylaws for the first discussion at the August meeting. Changes were discussed and will be voted on at the September meeting.

Kathy Schadle approved as new Council member to fill vacancy.

Administrative Commission Report:

- ❖ Dwayne reported that 99% of the comments given at the open house were positive.
- ❖ Parishioners loved the natural light and blue wall color.
- ❖ The rededication mass has been set for October 29 to be conducted by Bishop Finn.
- ❖ Parish Council chose the 10:00 a.m. time for this mass. However, it is up to the Bishop to approve.
- ❖ Dwayne reported that we were \$1739.00 in the positive at the budget year ending in June.
- ❖ Discussion about refreshments after the mass or an evening party. Plans have not been finalized at this time.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report:

- ❖ Jean Marie and Prayer and Worship Committee will be handling plans for the liturgy at the rededication mass.

Human Concerns Commission Report:

- ❖ Blood drive to be held September 17th at St. Catherine's.

Christian Formation Commission Report:

- ❖ Joan Kurz will discuss religious education at the next meeting.
- ❖ A copy of the schedule was handed out to members.

Linda Cisneros volunteered to bake August birthday cake for Crittenton Center.

Karen Lozano agreed to facilitate Chapter 8 for our next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- ❖ Prayer: Ann Garth
- ❖ Refreshments: Mary Kurz