

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 20, 2007**

Present: Bob Bowen, Gina Buice, Bonnie Davis, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Fr. Lloyd Opoka, Bill Phillips, Patty Ping, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith, and Mary Kay Woods.

Excused: Linda Cisneros, Kim Morkus.

Guests: Bev Putoff.

Prayer: Bob Bowen

Refreshments: Bonnie Davis

Review/Acceptance of the minutes:

- ❖ Accepted as submitted.

Temperature of the Parish:

- ❖ Karen and Ruth approached the subject of fund raising for our Church. Numerous parishioners have asked why we are unable to proceed with any fund raising projects. After a lengthy discussion between the staff and council members no definitive decision was reached.
- ❖ Ruth presented roses to the outgoing PPC members.
- ❖ Janet distributed the telephone roster to contact parishioners. If you leave a message please remember to follow-up. Try not to make calls after 8:00 p.m.
- ❖ Information was distributed regarding the Hickman Mills Ministry Alliance volunteer opportunity. It was determined that additional information was needed before any additional discussion could take place.
- ❖ July 13th and 14th was set as the date for the long range planning & visioning process committee to meet. There will be 3 sessions—Friday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday morning from 0900-1200, break for lunch, reconvene from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and end with going to mass.

Election of Officers:

- ❖ Janet was elected as chair; Ruth was elected as vice-chair; Karen was elected as secretary for the coming year.

Catholic Update: Eucharist: Understanding Christ's Body.

- ❖ To eat his body and drink his blood is to enter into a true encounter with the person of Jesus. It is the full meaning of the Eucharist, a dynamic meeting with the risen one.
- ❖ We should remember that receiving communion is not a solitary experience, but rather as an experience as a member of a community.
- ❖ Jesus is relating to us as a community rather than to us as an individual person.

Administrative Commission Report:

- ❖ Final budget was prepared to be presented to the Council by Dewayne.
- ❖ The budget was reviewed and approved by the Council.

Prayer and Worship Commission Report:

- ❖ Spiritual Rosary was presented to the parish. Plans are underway for another one.
- ❖ Commission guidelines were reviewed.
- ❖ Though the attendance was small the Grady concert was appreciated.
- ❖ The new Prayer and Worship commission chair will be voted on at the next meeting.

Human Concerns Commission Report:

- ❖ Blood Drive was a success. 31 pints were collected. The next blood drive will be August 8, 2007.
- ❖ Bonnie is doing a wonderful job keeping the parishioners updated with her bulletin board.
- ❖ The picnic was June 9 and a good time was had by all.

Christian Formation Commission Report:

- ❖ Just Faith had a closing retreat. All six members from St. Matthew's graduated from the class.
- ❖ The Just Faith motto, "Find a change to make in your life and do it."
- ❖ The committee meeting was by email this month.
- ❖ Fr. Bauman is coming September 9 to speak to the parish.

Crittenton Update:

- ❖ A special thank you for the dedication of Kathy Schadle who has consistently volunteered baking cakes for the girls at Crittenton.
- ❖ **Next meeting is 07/18/07**
- ❖ Prayer: Bonnie Davis Refreshments: Gina Buice

Mass Volunteers:

3:00 p.m.—Karen

8:30—Bonnie

11:00--Bob