

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2004**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Dugan, Markene Kaminski, Micki Klappa-Sullivan, Doug Rottel, Fr. Bill Stanfield, Dennis Tourangeau, Michael Kuick, Al Hobbs, Phill Unti, Matt Knorr

Guest: Alice Hatzenbeller,

Excused: Dan Duchniak

Formation: Fr Bill, Micki and Markene presented the various cluster models as the models were discussed at the Southern Cross core team meeting. Parish council discussed on how each model might work, with advantages and disadvantages of each, as well as some of the practical aspects. The general consensus is that which ever model is adopted to start with, it will probably have to migrate to another form in time, as conditions and resources change. Things that could start the sharing and commingling of parishes might include a cluster wide publication, Interlinking web sites, social round robins, staff shared from a pool, and team building events.

Chairperson's Report: Micki discussed the annual council retreat which will be at St Matts on Saturday September 18th. She noted that the annual parish meeting is on September 12th at 10:30 am. PC members are asked to assist with hospitality. Parish Council is also responsible for the hospitality during the St. Matthew's Festival on September 25. Stewardship has requested that PC Greeting for masses be changed from the 1st Sunday of the month to the 4th Sunday of the month.

Pastor's Report: * This might be a good year to discuss our Parish Council purpose and Structure, and to review our goals. * Annual Parish meeting date is set at 12 September. * We are at a point to issue a final report on phase 1 of the building project. * There will be a plan to start a new capital campaign. This will be brought up with the building group, and we can expect to hear more later. * The archbishop has stipulated that he wants all the parishes to have the sacrament of first reconciliation before first communion. We will be moving to implement this over the next 2 years. * Rome has instructed that only a deacon, priest, or bishop can preach at mass. The archdiocese will be developing guidelines for preaching. An ad hoc group was formed to prepare a letter to the archbishop expressing St Matts position on this matter.

Actionable: The mission statement for the Southern Cross was approved.

Discussion: * The parish conciliation policy rewrite was presented. Markene will distribute electronic copies of both the conciliation policy and the communication policy. All were asked to review and forward comments to Markene prior to the next meeting. * The parish theme "Grounded and Growing, Gathering Gods People" is going to be a highlight this year. The challenge is to find ways to fully express this.

Meeting Adjourned,
Respectfully Submitted by
Phillip Unti
Parish Council Secretary