

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2008

Council Members Present: Michael Hofmann, Karen James, Micki Klappa-Sullivan, Matt Knorr, Mike Kuick, , Blanche McQuitty, Maria Schulner, Clifford Shelton, Fr. Bill Stanfield, Fr. Steve Stradinger, Sharon Tehan, Phill Unti.

Excused: Tom Marciniak.

Guest: Dan Duchniak

Formation: Building Committee Proposal for Gym

- The council reviewed the Phase II Building Committee's proposal to make an adjustment to the current master building plan to raise funds to build a gym on the south side of school. This proposal has been made because we are faced with a very real possibility that it will likely take more than 5 years to accomplish the master plan.
- The focus of this fundraising effort would be to target outside sources such as businesses, charitable foundations, and alumni of St. Matthew School, in addition to school families who currently do not participate in the Generations of Joy Capital Campaign.
- St. Matthew's School Auction, Home and School Association and Athletic Association will also be asked to contribute money toward this endeavor.
- D. Duchniak explained the current costs of renting gym space and also talked about the potential revenue source the gym would create for the parish.
- Once the Generations of Joy Campaign has reached its goal, the new church could be built, the gym could be relocated to the current worship space and the proposed gym building could be converted into additional office space for the staff.
- A parish staff member will be appointed to track pledges for this new fundraising effort. School families who are not current with their tuition, parish contribution and Home & School contributions will not be allowed to participate in this fundraising effort until they are current with all of their financial obligations.
- Solicitation for the new gym will be based on a 3-year timeline and will begin as soon as possible.
- When 50% of the fundraising goal has been achieved, the Phase II Building Committee would meet to discuss next steps.
- After prayerful consideration, the Parish Council recommended to the pastors that the proposal submitted by the Phase II Building Committee for the exploration of fundraising for a gym for the parish be allowed to proceed, with the understanding that within six months, a determination is made as to whether or not it is feasible that the funds can be raised, primarily from sources outside the parish. If it is determined that this fundraising effort is not viable, any money that has been raised will be transferred to the current Phase II gym renovation account.

Next Steps:

- A bulletin article will be published about the council's decision to approve the Building Committee's proposal the weekend of March 8-9.

Chairperson's Report:

- The APC met last week. A meeting will be held on April 3rd to review the first draft from the Vision 21 Committee, which will propose a contingency plan of having 2 priests serving the 4 parishes of the Southern Cross Collaborative.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Bill:

- Fr. Bill indicated that he has not heard from Archbishop Dolan about the future of his position.

Liaison Reports:

Prayer and Worship – M. Schulner

- The ushers will be counting mass attendance the weekend of March 8-9 and the numbers will be submitted to the Archdiocese to be part of the official count for 2008.
- A penance service will be held on Saturday, March 15th.
- The Farmer's Market and brunch will also be held on March 15th after the penance service.
- The committee made a recommendation to add a statement to the strategic vision: "Seeking avenues to increase mass attendance." It was the consensus of the council to add this statement to the strategic vision document.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- The January meeting minutes were approved as written.

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Open to All Discussion:

- Fr. Bill mentioned that both Fr. Brian and Mark Peters had indicated that they were very pleased and impressed with the group of staff and parish council members who attended the parish leadership consultation session a couple of weeks ago.
- A second nomination weekend will be held the weekend of March 1-2 to solicit names of individuals interested in serving on the council.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Blanche McQuitty
Parish Council Secretary