

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2005**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Knorr, Markene Kaminski, Karen James, Father Bill Stanfield, Father Steve Stradinger, Micki Klappa-Sullivan, Tom Marciniak, John Lee, Sharon Tehan, Mike Kuick, Phil Unti

Guest: None

Excused: Tim Dugan, Dan Duchniak

Meeting opened with a prayer followed by introductions

Formation:

1. Council Organization and Standing Committee Structure
 - Discussed the current models of the standing committees and each member was asked to come with a new model for how standing committees operate
 - Discussed how the purpose of Parish council is to help the Pastor(s) guide the parish
 - Some of the questions that arose were:
 - Is Parish Council providing vision?
 - Does Parish Council need to focus on smaller tasks?

Chairperson's Report: Micki discussed the following issues:

- The Parish Council retreat has been scheduled for January 21, 2006, 8 – 3 at St. Matthew's we will be inviting St. Mary's by the Lake's Parish Council to join us.
- The annual parish meeting is scheduled for October 23, after the 9:30 mass
- Parish Council looked at the Parish Council calendar for the upcoming year

Pastor's Report: Father Bill asked for all of us to keep him in our prayers while he is out of the country

Liaison's Report:

- Prayer and Worship (PAW)
 - reviewed their calendar

- Judy will be doing a formation on Vatican 2
- PAW was advised that they will be asked to present at the January 23, 2006 Parish Council Meeting
- Personal Hymnals will be available for review at the Ministry Fair
- estimated purchase of 500 hymnals
- Hoping to subsidize payment by offering the parishioners the opportunity to “sponsor” a hymnal
- Brainstormed for ministry fair to highlight parish L.I.F.E. theme
- **Finance Committee**
 - Budget is looking good
 - Revenue is exceeding expense
 - Final report will be available within the next few weeks
 - Stewardship increased over last year by 7% **THANK YOU PARISHIONERS**
 - School enrollment is close to projections, we have picked up some of St. Louis’ students but have lost some to Deerfield
 - 4K is above projections
- **Southern Cross**
 - Met August 3 they are moving forward and working well together
 - St. Louis School has closed but does have an education fund to help pay tuition for parishioners
 - St. Mary’s by the Lake’s picnic is September 11
 - St. Matt’s fest is September 24
 - St. Stephen’s has hired a new pastoral associate for Christian Formation and Health Ministry
 - Next meeting is September 7 at St. Stephen’s

Meeting closed with a prayer

Meeting Adjourned
 Respectfully Submitted by
 Matthew Knorr