

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2006

Council Members Present: Tim Dugan, Karen James, Markene Kaminski, Micki Klappa-Sullivan, Sharon Tehan, Fr. Steve Stradinger, John Lee, , Matt Knorr, Michael Kuick, Phil Unti, Fr. Bill Stanfield

Guest: Alice Hatzenbeller, Carol Sagan

Excused: Dan Duchniak, Tom Marciniak

Formation: The Prayer and Worship (PAW) Committee represented by Carol Sagan presented their annual report to the Parish Council. The PAW's written report was well thought out and showed that a great deal of work went into its preparation. The complete written report will be submitted with the approved minutes and posted for review.

Highlights of PAW Report –

640 New Hymnals have been purchased through donated funds. They have been very well received by the parish. These booklets will save \$2000 - \$3000 in printing and copy right costs in future years. This allows for a greater variety of music for Masses.

PAW is working with Tom Schneider in preparation of the reconfiguration of the worship space.

PAW conducts a very active formation during their monthly meetings. Currently they are reviewing the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II.

A new Lenten Almsgiving program will be introduced this year. The "Heifer Project" will replace Love Loaves as our almsgiving focus for Lent 2006.

PAW is promoting both the "Question of the Week" and is moving forward with the Lifelong Intergenerational Faith Experiences.

Goals for 2006: Adjusting to reconfiguration of the worship space. Continue use of new hymnals. Continued Formation at PAW meetings. Implementation of any liturgical changes that come from Rome. Involvement in Generation of Faith (parish-wide).

Pastor's Report: Fr. Bill will be starting a 3 minute question answer session during mass to answer a pre-submitted question. This will be a trial period and be evaluated on its effectiveness. Fr. Steve stated that St. Stephens's has dropped two weekend masses due to lack of priest help and their building time line is still in question. St. James Pastor will be leaving in June.

Chairperson's Report: A district wide Planning Status questionnaire is to be submitted ob April 1. This questionnaire is a cluster report with individual parishes providing input. An adhoc committee was formed to plan the Parish Involvement Day in March (Micki, Markene, Sharon and Karen).

Liaison Reports:

- Building Committee – The final report from Fund Development Corporation is due to the Parish by the end of January. The Building Committee is looking for leaders for the next Capital Campaign.
- Southern Cross: The Cluster Model is being reviewed. An adhoc Evangelization Team event is scheduled for February 1, 2006, with the question being "How do we get it moving"
- Finance Committee – It was noted that the Finance report sent out to PC members was from September not from December. Micki to check with Tom Schneider to acquire proper report.

Discussion: The PC Retreat held on January 21 was discussed. Everyone thought the retreat was very good. The PC from St. Mary's by the Lake was invited and their members who came were well received. Mark Peters did a good job of facilitation. All agreed that a fall date would be a better time and will be considered for the next retreat. Based on discussion at the retreat the PC of St. Matthew's and St. Mary's will begin to work more closely on a monthly/quarterly basis. Details to be worked out by Vice-Chairpersons. We will also be looking on ways to bring faith sharing/story telling into the Parish Council meetings.

Meeting Minutes: December Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Open to All:

Nomination Committee – Adhoc Nomination Committee was formed – Matt, Tim, Dan

Winterfest – Is January 28, PC members are asked to help out and attend.

Auction basket – The Gift Basket that PC is putting together for the School auction is coming together nicely. Special thanks to Markene for organizing this effort.

New Agenda Items:

Respectfully Submitted by

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