

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 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, Dan Duchniak, Tom Marciniak

Guest: Alice Hatzenbeller, Ruth Przybylski, Larisa Knorr, Mary Ann Wilkes, Anna Bissell

Excused:

Formation: The Social Ministry Committee presented their annual report to the Parish Council. The Social Ministry Committee's written report was well prepared. The complete written report will be submitted with the approved minutes and posted for review.

Highlights of Social Ministry Report –

Bereavement Ministry - Ruth Przybylski is leading this ministry and has over 17 years of experience with Bereavement Ministry. There are currently 11 members of St. Matthews actively participating on the Bereavement Committee. Their primary function is to support St. Matthews's families in their time of grief with the loss of a loved-ones. They have members present at every wake and new in 2006 they will be providing hospitality at wakes conducted at St. Matthews.

Reaching Out – Larisa Knorr as Chairman of the Reaching Out Committee reported that the committee currently has 7 members. The primary goals for 2006 will be the continuation of the monthly Reaching Out collections and new for 2006 the Heifer Project.

Respect Life – Anna Bissell reported that the Respect Like Committee has 11 active members. They will continue to support Wisconsin Right to Life through the Mothers Day Rose sale. Their goal for 2006 is to increase education of the committee and the parish on respect life issues.

Justice Education – Mary Ann Wilkes represented the Justice Education Committee. Their goal for 2006 will be to focus on Dignity of the Human Person. Mary Ann shared a video on how small time farmers are making a difference with organic soaps and how the sales of these items are increasing their livelihood.

Other Ministries – Alice mentioned that other ministries are present and active at St. Matthews such as Hospital Visitation, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Interfaith for the Elderly, Ministry to the Quads, and the Senior Social.

The Parish Council was very excited to see that every one of these committees is making an effort to collaborate their work with other parishes in the Southern Cross. Keep up the great work and thank you for your efforts.

Chairperson's Report: Randy Noll the Archdiocesan Director of Life Long Learning will be guest speaker at the Parish Leadership Day on March 25.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Bill:

The Archdiocese continues to offer a Certificate Program in Pastoral Services, Christian Formation and Administration.

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues to grow every year but does not keep up with inflation which is an on going struggle for the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese continues to review spending and programming issues including the current format of the Seminary.

Archbishop Dolan plans on kicking off a Capital Appeal in 2006 or 2007 to support Catholic Education and Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese is in the process of reviewing the age for confirmation with a decision due out later this year.

Reconfiguration of the worship space is planned for June. He will work on getting this message out to the parish.

Fr. Steve

The parish has a goal of having 50% of parishioners to receive the Catholic Herald to experience the evangelization and education presented in the paper. He invites all parish families to consider subscribing to the Catholic Herald.

Liaison Reports:

- Finance Committee – First draft of next years budget is in progress and will be presented to the Parish Council during the March meeting.

Discussion:

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- Archdiocesan Directives Discussion – As part of the Archdiocesan Planning Process the Parish Council as a group completed a questionnaire on the how we believe the Southern Cross and specifically St. Matthew's is proceeding with the Archbishop's planning directives. Micki will be presenting our views at the APC District meeting in March
- Letter from Bldg Committee – The Parish Council received a report from the Phase II Building Committee. The Building Committee recommended proceeding with a 5 year Capital Campaign. The Parish Council accepted their recommendation with further discussions scheduled for the March meeting concerning the proposals of the Building Committee.
- Pavilion/LBC proposal – Finance – The Parish Council received a proposal from the Finance Committee, Building and Grounds Committee and the LBC Group. They have requested that \$8000 of parish reserves be allocated to the completion of the Garage/Pavilion. Building material costs have been higher than anticipated mainly due to Hurricane Katrina. The parish council approved this request with the stipulation that efforts are made to repay the amount to reserves through future fishboils and other fundraising efforts.

Meeting Minutes: January Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Open to All:

New Agenda Items: Items for March Agenda
PC Nomination Process
Stewardship Letter

Respectfully Submitted by

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