

## **Prayer and Worship Minutes for 2-18-2008**

Attendance: Mary Ann Rukis, Fred Sadler, Carol Sagan, Dennis Tourangeau, Judy Wargin, Maria Schulner / Excused: Debbie Ahlstrom, Sharon Tehan, Fr. Bill Stanfield

January minutes approved.

**Old Business:** Liturgical Compliance seems to be going well. Some minor adjustments need to be made with Eucharistic Ministers. (When to walk up, where to stand, etc)

Counting Mass attendance: every week ushers will count. The official count for the Archdiocese is the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We will make note of any special circumstances that may affect the count. (Bad weather or a special event)

Strategic Vision of Parish council: Discussion was brought up in regard to mass attendance. **PAW would like to add \* seeking avenues to increase mass attendance.**

Town Hall meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00a.m.-noon.

**New Business:** Safety measures were discussed. In case of tornado a small group would go to the passageway between the sacristies.

If the group is larger in the basement hallway away from any windows. In case fire the exits were pointed out.

Ushers: Procedures for money collection to the new safe was discussed. Two people will do this. The committee unanimously agreed that ushers should not do this after receiving communion. The ushers are busy after mass so a suggestion was made that Judy and the cantor or a parishioner will pick up the collection basket and put the collection in the safe. In the event Judy is absent she will assign someone to do this.

Carol suggested a Giving Tree for the parish: a tree with leaves listing needed items or an donation that would cover a needed item. For example if flowers are needed for The month of July at a cost of \$50.00. A person would choose the leaf listing the flowers@ \$50.00 and return it with the donation of \$50.00 to be used for the flowers.

**Other:** Fr. Bill asked Judy to bring a suggestion that a goal for PAW should be to increase membership. A possible way to this would be to form sub committees of Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters. Further discussion is needed.

A parishioner donated Bibles for the church. They will be located on tables at the entrance of the church, along with hearing amplifiers that were donated.

Discussion on the strategic vision of the Parish Council and PAW. In addition to what went well for PAW we added the outdoor Mass for the Feast of St. Matthew.

Improvements that can be made: Sign up for Eucharistic Ministers for special masses. Give people clear directions for the even flow of communion (e.g.where to stand).

Fred Sadler suggested posting our minutes on the St. Matthew's web site.

Future Goals: new funeral booklet; increase Ministers of Hospitality (ushers/Greeters).

Penance Service Saturday March 15, after which there'll be a brunch in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.

No meeting in March

Next Meeting: Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> potluck at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Leader: Maria Schulner

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Schulner*