

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2008

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

Guest: Alan Czajka, Karen Franckowiak, Jeff Kozik, Jeff Menz.

Debrief Parish Town Hall Meeting:

- Three parishioners, who are not associated with standing parish committees, attended the town hall meeting.
- It was the consensus of the group that the town hall meeting provided an excellent opportunity for information sharing and dialogue.

Chairperson's Report:

- The next APC meeting will take place on April 3rd to review the draft of the Vision 21 document. Matt will share the document with the rest of the council for discussion at the next meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Steve:

- Although the weather was a factor, there was still a good turnout for the services offered during Holy Week.

Fr. Bill:

- Fr. Bill announced that Archbishop Dolan has appointed him the half-time Director of Continuing Formation of Clergy and also the half-time Vice Rector of the Seminary and Dean of Formation as of July 1, 2008. He indicated that a new pastor for St. Matthew should be announced in May. A transition team has been identified to include: A. Hatzenbeller, K. James, M. Klappa-Sullivan, M. Kuick and A. Bronikowski.
- Parishioner Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 26th.
- St. Stephen Parish has given the official word to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that they have come to an agreement to sell their property. They are asking the archdiocese for a proxy and intend to break ground on their new church later this spring.
- St. James Parish has recently announced that they intend to build a new church at a new site that is not far from their current property. An interested buyer has approached them to purchase their current site.

Liaison Reports:

Southern Cross—C. Shelton

- M. Klappa-Sullivan was elected Chair of this committee at the last meeting.
- Discussion focused on how to collaborate better amongst the parishes in the Southern Cross.
- The Evangelization sub-group of the Southern Cross Committee will continue.
- Each parish will host a social event for all parishes in the cluster to attend over the course of the next year. A suggestion was made to have St. Matthew host their social event in September in conjunction with Archbishop Dolan's visit.

Christian Formation Committee (CFC) – P. Unti

- The committee is operational and met on March 24th.
- Temporary officers for CFC were selected. P. Unti will serve as Chair through June 2008. The selection of new officers is scheduled for July.
- The subgroups of the CFC were reviewed
- The bylaws of the committee will be reviewed at the next meeting, to be held in May.
- The list of parishioners who are currently involved in forming the CFC, as well as those who have expressed interest in serving on the CFC was distributed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- The February meeting minutes were approved with the following recommended changes noted: Page 1 – the fifth bullet point under "Formation" was changed to read: "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." Also, on Page 1, under Liaison Reports, the Prayer and Worship report was given by M. Schulner.

Formation: Proposed 2008-2009 Budget

- Salaries will be maintained at the 2007-2008 levels except for a 3% increase for the new pastor since the Archdiocese policies require this minimum increase for clergy.
- The budget assumes a 10% increase in health and dental insurance.
- School enrollment is budgeted at 223. Currently there are 221 students enrolled.
- School tuition will increase by a total of 9%. As of February, there was approximately \$26,000 outstanding in tuition payments. The Board of Education and the principal will be enforcing the policy that states the current year's tuition must be paid in full in order for a student to register for the next school year. Those families that are in arrears will be placed on a waiting list until the current year's tuition is paid.
- Financial stewardship projection assumes no increase over the current year's budget.
- After a lengthy discussion, A Motion was Made, Seconded and Carried to approve the 2008-2009 budget as presented.
- It was the consensus of the council to request additional information such as balance sheets and income statements to include information related to variable costs and fixed costs. This information should be disseminated to the Parish Council throughout the year on a regular basis (e.g. each month that the Finance Committee convenes).

Respectfully Submitted by:
Blanche McQuitty
Parish Council Secretary