

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2008

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

Excused: M. Klappa-Sullivan.

Guest: Alan Czajka, Troy Fields, Karen Franckowiak, Jeff Menz

Chairperson's Report:

- There will be an APC meeting next week to review the proxy submitted to the Archdiocese by St. Stephen Parish.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Bill:

- Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin has been named the new pastor for St. Matthew Parish. Fr. Bill suggested the Parish Council should think about how they can welcome Fr. Pat. He recommended using the first council meeting of the next year as a listening session to offer a time for council members to introduce themselves and to review parish council issues and goals.

Formation:

Parish Council Discernment

- Fr. Bill facilitated the discernment for the three vacant parish council member positions and the Parish Trustee-Treasurer position. The following parishioners were discerned for 3-year terms as Parish Council members at-large: Troy Fields, Karen Franckowiak and Jeff Menz. Mike Kuick was discerned to serve another term as Parish Trustee-Treasurer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- The April meeting minutes were approved as written.

Pastoral Transition Team Update:

- The group has met to plan the farewell for Fr. Bill and Fr. Steve. They will concelebrate all masses June 14/15 and hospitality will take place in the gathering space after each mass. The team is meeting with Fr. Pat this weekend to plan for his welcome reception.

Parish Council Retreat:

- B. McQuitty to contact Fr. Pat to inquire when he is available to attend the retreat.

Open Discussion:

- Gym Proposal – M. Knorr reminded council members that the Gym Committee was given approval to explore fundraising opportunities for a gym for the parish, with the understanding that this committee will report back to Parish Council, by September 1, 2008, about their progress with this fundraising effort. The Parish Council will review the information and make a determination at the September meeting as to whether or not it is feasible that the funds can be raised, primarily from sources outside the parish. If it is determined that this fundraising effort is not viable, any money that has been raised will be transferred to the current Phase II campaign account.
- Discernment for Parish Council officer/committee liaisons – K. James will email information to the council members in preparation for the June 16th meeting where council officers and committee liaisons will be discerned. All council members should review the Parish Council Constitution and Bylaws in preparation for this discernment process.
- Christian Formation Committee (CFC) - P. Unti indicated that he has emailed the meeting minutes from the CFC meeting held last week to all council members for information.
- Living Our Faith Follow-Up Telephone Calls – S. Tehan reported that follow up telephone calls were placed to all the people who indicated they wanted a telephone call.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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