

## ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES – December 22, 2008

**Parish Mission** – *“We follow Jesus as a welcoming Catholic community of believers, fostering a life of active prayer and worship, sharing God’s word through education and action and reaching out in service to those in need.”*

**Present:** Mike Kuick, Cliff Shelton, Matt Knorr, Karen Franckowiak, Phil Unti, Jeff Menz, Fr. Pat, Mike Hoffmann, Blanche McQuitty, Troy Fields, Maria Schulner

**Excused:** Sharon Tehan

**Reflection:** T. Fields

**Minutes:** Minutes of 11-17-08 Parish Council meeting were approved as modified.

**Open to All:** Nothing new was discussed.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

- (1) Christian Formation ( CFC)
- (2) Prayer & Worship – No meeting
- (3) ASCB

**Finance** – Overall financial review was positive. Issue of check signers was resolved when the remainder of employees agreed to Direct Deposit.

Clarification of Parish Council policy on communicating with committees was requested. After discussion it was agreed that the policy was a ‘Letter of Communication’ from Parish Council officer to committee officer (in writing) was established previously but has not been followed. Going forward this policy will be followed.

Concern regarding security issues in situations in which evening meetings are taking place and the doors are left open.

**Social Ministry** – Nothing at this time.

**Stewardship** –No meeting.

### **Chairperson's Report:**

C. Shelton requested clarification of approval for the SCRIP Proposal that PC council has previously discussed. M. Kuick pointed out that from the minutes of the October PC meeting that a consensus vote for approval of the proposed Tuition Reimbursement Rebate was taken with two individuals abstaining. A written communication will be provided to appropriate individuals communicating that approval and providing direction. The proposal is returned to the SCRIP committee for implementation.

Discussion on Grants took place. M. Knorr indicated that there may be two possibilities but grant writing will not be easy. There is an expectation of presenting a solid reason for money use. It is easier to get funding for the school than the church. There will be more discussion.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Discussion on the subject of parish participation in FIOF Campaign and calendar for training/activities was established with Erbie Cox from the archdiocese.

Parish Council's involvement and leadership role in FIOF campaign came under discussion. Parish Council will be Information Leaders. Duties of Information Leaders include distribution of information after Masses on given weekends and Town Hall meetings at the parish and/or other locations. This team will lay a spiritual foundation for the campaign.

### **New Business:**

Parish Council was approached by the Board of Education regarding a policy on Qualifying Parish Reimbursement for School and Religious Formation. During Catholic Schools Week the Board is looking to recruit students for the school from other parishes. The current timetable is too short. The Policy now in place was provided to PC and was discussed. The issue will be sent back to the Board of Education for a formal proposal that needs to include involvement of CFC. The policy will need to be brought into line with the archdiocese policy. Clarification will also be needed as to service hours and fund raising requirements, etc.

### **Old Business:**

**These items were discussed earlier in the meeting.**

**Prayer Log:** Ask for "Revival in the Parish" – prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** Blanche McQuitty

