

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – January 26, 2009

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: Jeff Menz, Matt Knorr, Mike Kuick, Karen Franckowiak, Blanche McQuitty, Cliff Shelton, Fr. Patrick O’Loughlin, Michael Hofmann, Troy Fields, Phil Unti

Excused: Sharon Tehan, Maria Schulner

Reflection: M. Kuick

Minutes: Minutes of 12-22-08 Parish Council meeting were approved ..

Liaison Reports:

- (1) **Christian Formation (CFC)** – No report
- (2) **Prayer & Worship** – No report.
- (3) **Southern Cross** – There will be an evangelization course given by Fr. Martin Pabel entitled “How to share your faith with others without being obnoxious”. It will be open to all parishioners in Southern Cross with each parish providing a \$100 fee. Contribution to be verified with Tom Schneider. There is a goal of having 10 parishioners from each parish involved. Dates have not been determined. It will probably be held at St. James.
- (4) ASCB

Finance – Review of Quarterly Budget. There were 29 families behind on Tuition for an amount of \$36,000.

An \$80,000 CD is coming due and will be reinvested @3.14% if it can be done

Home & School – Discussion took place regarding a possible amendment of By-Laws regarding the use of surplus funds being designated for specific uses from fund raising projects. All fund raising dollars are parish funds. A formal proposal has not yet been submitted to CFC for consideration. Any amendment to the Home and School bylaws would have to go to the Board of Education and then to CFC for review and approval prior to being presented to the Parish Council for final review and approval.

- (5) **Social Ministry** – Reaching Out Committee is beginning to get information regarding the Lenten Project. They are hopeful that our school, child formation/youth ministry families and other parishioners will take part in the Rice Bowl Project and the Hunger Banquet that will take place.

Respect Life Committee is quite pleased with response for the Spiritual Adoption Program.

Stewardship –The committee is currently planning a social event for new parish families. They are also discussing the possibility of holding a social event for long-trm parish families.

Chairperson’s Report

Cliff Shelton discussed the communication flow between PC and its standing committees. He requested that the PC liaisons encourage committees to have the officers be the primary source of communication between committees and Parish Council. He gave a brief update from the Ad Hoc committee charged with figuring out the financial reporting needs of Parish Council.

New Business

- (1) **Parish Picture Directory** – It has been four years since we last published a parishioner picture directory. Olan Mills will be taking pictures of parishioners in to late March. There is no cost to the parish.
- (2) **“Parish Council Involvement Meeting”** in which committee s discuss their progress and goals is set for Saturday, March 14th. This function may be re-named.
- (3) **Auction Basket** – Parish Council has been asked to provide a basket to be auction at the School Auction fund raiser taking place Saturday, February 7th. The auction theme this year is “Night at the Movies”. Mary Shelton will put the basket together.
- (4) **Parish Council Nomination Process** – Parish Council Nomination weekend will be February 14 &15. Parish Council members are asked to make themselves available after mass to distribute nomination forms and answer questions.

This year the nomination/discernment process will remain the same as in previous years, however, PC will be looking at the process for the future. B. McQuitty will arrange for the announcement in the bulletin for February 7 & 8. Phil Unti will speak at the three masses asking parishioners to prayerfully consider nominating themselves or another appropriate parishioner. There will be open positions for three (3) members at large for a three year term and one (1) lay trustee for a two year term.

Pastor’s Report

Co-Chairs for the ‘Faith in Our Future’ capital campaign are Allan Czajka and Karen James. Parish Case Statement for FIOF is due at the end of January. The next FIOF meeting is scheduled for Monday – February 9th.

Prayer Log

“Give Fr. Pat the inspiration (words) to communicate issues regarding FIOF that will open people’s hearts and minds to his message”.

Closing Prayer: Karen Franckowiak