

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – March 30, 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: Mike Kuick, Blanche McQuitty, Matt Knorr, Cliff Shelton, Fr. Pat O’Loughlin, Sharon Tehan, Maria Schulner, Phil Unti, Karen Franckowiak, Troy Fields, Jeff Menz, Ed O’Connor, Troy Horman, Alan Bronikowski

Excused: Mike Hoffmann

Reflection: J. Menz

Minutes: Minutes of 2-23-09 Parish Council meeting were approved as modified.

Open to All: Fr. Pat commented that St. Matthew’s school registration for parish families started March 17th. Registration for students of families outside the parish and transfer students will take place after that. We do not have a count for class size but may have to move the teacher’s aide from the K-4 classroom to K-5.

Liaison Reports:

- (1) **Christian Formation Committee (CFE)** – Did not meet in March.
- (2) **Prayer & Worship** – March meeting was cancelled.
- (3) **Southern Cross** – This committee did not meet
- (4) **ASCB** – Cancelled due to Town Hall Meeting, March 14.
- (5) **Social Ministry** – No report.
- (6) **Stewardship** – Stewardship committee hosted “Seasoned” member social for about 55 parish members. Members shared “old pictures”, stories, and played parish trivial pursuit game. Oldest parish member was honored. A good time was had by all.

Chairperson’s Report

Cliff Shelton discussed the Town Hall Meeting held March 14th and asked for comments. Times of meeting was discussed and Council may decide to move the meeting date to the fall (October) with the purpose of setting goals for the upcoming parish year rather than focusing on what had been accomplished by committees the previous year. A final decision on timing of next Town Hall was not made.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Pat gave a update on the "FIOF" Capital campaign commenting that things are going as we had hoped. Information Packets were stuffed and ready for distribution the weekend of March 21 &22 and March 28 &29 so that distribution would not affect "Holy Week". Packets were put in trays (alpha order) in the Gathering Space for pick up by parishioners.. School families received packets in their 'Friday Folder'. Information packets not picked up after the second weekend masses were sent home to families with students in Religious Education, some were hand delivered and the remainder were mailed to homes.

Calls to remind parishioners to pick up information packets went well. The campaign will move forward to the next stage.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Parish Council Nominations – Orientation session was held for those candidates who desire to move forward in the nomination process on Monday, March 30th and those individuals were invited to stay to attend the Parish Council Meeting at 7:00PM.

Twenty two (22) individuals were nominated for five vacancies, three terms of 3 years each and two terms of 1 year. Eight individuals committed to go through the orientation process but three changed their mind Sunday. Five individuals may go through the final discernment process.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for outside firm be hired for the tuition collection process - Discussion of the proposal and amounts of outstanding tuition and collection issues took place. Concerns arose from lack of detail information regarding "Tuition Management Systems" and the service that they would provide.

Parish Council suggests that "Tuition Management Systems" be invited to make a presentation on their services and exactly how it would work for the school families/parish. Enough information is not available at this time for implementation of this new policy for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

2009-2010 Budget Presentation – Bill Ahlstrom of the Finance Committee made a presentation on this year's budget. Third draft of budget was provided to council in advance. Finance committee was uncomfortable presenting a deficit budget but understand Fr. Pat 's issues regarding the proposed fair compensation for teachers and staff.

Stewardship is not expected to show an increase and we need to be aware of the three year "Faith in Our Future" capital campaign that will be competing for stewardship dollars. We have monies in the parish reserves to handle the deficit amount this year but finance committee concerns center on the budgets for the next two years – don't want a three year plan of deficit spending.

Vote on the budget will be taken at the April PC meeting.

Closing Prayer – P. Unti