

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – October 28, 2010

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: Chris Adams, Blanche McQuitty, Steve Anderson, Karen Franckowiak, Mike Kuick, Mike Hofman, Troy Fields, Alan Bronikowski, Fr. Pat

EXCUSED: Larissa Knorr, Cliff Shelton

REFLECTION/OPENING PRAYER S. Anderson

MINUTES: Alan Bronikowski moved to approve minutes of the 9-27-10 PC meeting and Steve Anderson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Memorials – Memorial donations are used in different ways depending on request of donator or if a specific use is not indicated they are used for a financial need of the parish. Memorials have been used to purchase headstones for our cemetery, liturgical needs and for Social Ministry (gift cards for those in need during these difficult economic times).

Technology – It has been determined that the parish has only one gateway to the Internet and 53 computers use that gateway.. The parish office has little or no computer availability during the day when many other computers are in use. Other technology equipment may be needed to update computer speed and user access. How do we pay for these updates and where will the money come from needs to be determined. The Technology/Finance committee will be discussing these issues and hope to have some answers by November.

Licenses – Fr. Pat thanked Steve Anderson for working with the School Auction Committee to assure compliance with licensing and other legal issues. After the Auction Catholic Mutual Insurance will be contacted and they may have some recommendations for the longer term. A letter has been sent to Mike Sullivan who is currently listed as the “agent” on the parish alcohol license. Co-ordination for parish fund raising is the responsibility of the DAS. A determination will be made who would be the appropriate individual to take that role of “agent” going forward. **NOTE: Chris Adams should be contacted regarding taking classes to become “agent” as he will be able to assist with this issue at the appropriate time.**

Change in Mass Schedule – Beginning Saturday, November 13th the 5:00PM mass is being changed to 4:00PM. At this time no negative input has been received regarding this change.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal – As of September 30th the parish is \$3,000 under our FIOF goal of \$27,000. Participation level is at 23.6%. There have been 249 donors out of 1,054 parish members.

OLD BUSINESS

All Parish Financial Meeting – The All Parish Financial Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2010 after the 9:30AM mass in church. Discussion will include charts to summarize what we did last year and where money comes from for major projects.

Registration of New Parish Members – Revision of registration forms and training needs more work. Fr. Pat has it on his radar. More to come.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Archdiocesan Parish Council Meeting – This meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- (1) **Christian Formation Committee (CFC)** – No meeting.
- (2) **Prayer & Worship** - N/A
- (3) **Southern Cross** – Meeting November 13th at St. Stephen's.
- (4) **Social Ministry** – Trying to arrange meeting.
- (5) **Parish Life** – Next meeting November 9th at 6:30PM Discuss what committee can do and what should be they focus on. Who will follow up on Stewardship Cards?
- (6) **ASCB – Building & Grounds** - Meeting this week Thursday. They will begin to draft a cemetery policy that will parallel Archdiocese guidelines. Workday scheduled for Saturday, November 13.
- (7) **ASCB – Finance** – Kris Wegner will meet with M&I for recommendations for security. There remains a problem with Scrip inventory. They are monitoring tuition collection. PC discussed error in bulletin regarding financials. Bulletin financials will be simplified and updated.
- (8) **Board of Education** – Auction money will be used for new playground equipment. There will be a push next year to better market the school. Committee feels that the website is the key. The school is looking for a long term “sub”. Cookie Walk as a fund raiser is back this year. There was a discussion regarding having caps and gowns for the eighth grade graduation next year.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Continued discussion on Technology.

CLOSING PRAYER – Mike Hofmann