

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – December 28, 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, Larissa Knorr, Cliff Shelton, Karen Franckowiak, Laurie Stodola, Mike Kuick, Alan Bronikowski, Fr. Pat, Blanche McQuitty, Chris Adams

Excused: Mike Hoffmann, Troy Fields

Reflection/Opening Prayer: C. Shelton

Minutes: Blanche McQuitty moved to approve minutes of 11-30-09 PC meeting with corrections and Laurie Stodola seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Liaison Reports:

- (1) **Christian Formation Committee (CFC)** – Only the Athletic Association met. Items that were discussed included finances, Parkway Apostolic gym, St Matthews/Divine Mercy meeting.
- (2) **Prayer & Worship** – No report.
- (3) **Stewardship** – New Member Social was held December 5th with a visit from Santa. Plans for Seasoned Member Social were discussed and date was set for March 20th. Next meeting January 12th.
- (4) **Southern Cross** – Decision was made to move forward with program for Catholics who have fallen away from the church. A copy of the book “Inviting Catholics Home” by Sally Mews was provided for each parish. The first 6 week session of the program is scheduled to start the week of April 11, 2010 at St. Stephen’s Church. Meeting with Sally Mews was voted down due to cost and the understanding that everything needed is in the book. Invoice for 6 books in amount of \$61.02 was provided for reimbursement.
- (5) **Social Ministry** – No report.
- (6) **ASCB – Building & Grounds** – The new boiler for the school building is currently being installed and the plan is to have it running by the end of the week. In the South Wing the grid is finished, but lighting is falling behind schedule and will be handled later. Higher voltage capacity will be provided by WE Energies and is scheduled for January 25 when school is not in session (in-service day). Rental house is still available and needs some re-painting and drywall work. White boards/smart board for 6th grade and K5 should be completed before the end of January
A new Eagle Scout project was proposed by Sean Marshall. He is looking at improving the storm water drainage swale at the south end of the parking lot. More input from other parish members is being solicited.
- (7) **ASCB – Finance** November Financials: Financial Stewardship is 37.3% of budget at 41.7% of year and we are \$29,524 behind budget. Faith in our Future has a gain

of \$6,751 for month making total available \$34,839. Still looking for new tenants for rental property effective January 1. A discussion of taking funds out of reserves, if necessary, to pay for new organ and replenish with FIOF funds. Finance committee did not see that there would be an issue. Preliminary feedback from Personnel Committee discussed on types of changes to pay and other compensation for next year's budget. More information will be provided in January. A discussion is taking place between Julie Barber and Archdiocese on procedure/potential of combining classes due to low enrollment in a class. More later.

Chairperson's Report

A discussion took place at the PC Agenda meeting regarding the beginning of the discernment process for three (3) positions that will be open for Parish Council next year. It was determined that Laurie Stodola would work together on the process.

Fr. Pat's Report

Fr. Pat thanked everyone for hard work of the previous year. He mentioned a financial issue regarding John Keane's long term surgery related illness. Nancy Konkel accepted the long term sub position and the personnel committee is requesting an adjustment in compensation and will be putting together a written policy for dealing with long term subs.

Fr. Pat provided some figures for mass attendance during Christmas. Comparison figures for 2008 and 2009 for mass attendance and collections is down about 30%

The parish should have individuals regularly (with name tags) available in the gathering space before mass on weekends to welcome parishioners and others who may be looking at our parish with the changes taking place.

Closing Prayer – M. Kuick