

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – March 22, 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: Blanche McQuitty, Larissa Knorr, Troy Fields, Karen Franckowiak, Mike Kuick, Fr. Pat, Mike Hoffmann, Laurie Stodola, Alan Bronikowski, Jeff Menz, Cliff Shelton, Chris Adams, Alan Czajka

Excused: N/A

Reflection/Opening Prayer: K. Franckowiak

Minutes: Alan Bronikowski moved to approve minutes with correction of 2/22/10 PC meeting and Jeff Menz seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Introduction of Parish Council Nominees

Alan Czajka was introduced.

Actionable

Proposed 2010/2011 Budget

Expected increases in health & dental insurance and their impact on the budget were discussed. Possible methods for budget cuts to offset these increases were listed. Since final amounts are not available at this time, they will be handled in the Revised Management Plan.

Jeff Menz moved that a vote be taken recommending the budget as submitted be approved by Father Pat. Alan Bronikowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Liaison Reports:

- (1) **Christian Formation Committee (CFC)** – No report
- (2) **Prayer & Worship –Southern Cross** – No meeting.

- (3) **Southern Cross** – Article advertising listening session entitled “Catholics Returning Home” will be placed in bulletins of the seven participating parishes on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Printing of brochures will be done at St. Matt’s with any cost coming from the evangelization fund. Parish Council approved the transfer of funds of up to \$1,000 for St. Matt’s participation in Southern Cross to match the other seven parishes.
- (4) **Social Ministry** - No report.
- (5) **Stewardship** – Everyone enjoyed the Senior Social this last Saturday.
- (6) **ASCB – Building & Grounds** – Eagle Scout project by Sean Marshall (a swale design for the south end of the parking lot has been tentatively approved). Boiler work is wrapping up, with exception of determining final cost. Committee is looking at the cost to removing the second boiler. New electrical power cutover was completed with some concrete work remaining. The Security System bids are being reviewed and a proposal will be submitted. Building & Grounds has contacted school families and parish at large to recruit help with install of lighting/ceiling tiles in the lower level with the help of FIOF funding. This work is expected to be done during Easter break.
- (7) **ASCB – Finance** – February Financials: Financial Stewardship is 62.33% of budget at 66.7% of year. We are \$29,748 behind budget. Faith in Our Future had a gain of \$3,380. A new tenant has signed a 2 year lease on rental property beginning April 15, 2010. The Phase II Bldg campaign gained \$70 for month, \$133,771 needed to replenish reserves. Finance reviewed and approved revised budget proposal with some concerns. Tom Schneider updated committee on overdue tuition. Discussion took place as to whether funds from Future Gym Fund could be used to build new outdoor basketball courts. No action was taken on issue.

Old Business

Parish Council Discernment Process – Blanche McQuitty; Chris Adams

Further discussion on possible methods of discernment for candidates nominated for Parish Council. All council nominees will be required to attend an orientation session conducted by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and at least one Parish Council meeting.

It was also determined that on Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd) after the 9:30 AM mass nominees would be required to stay after mass and meet as a group. This will provide an opportunity for all nominees to dialogue and share information. The process will be a facilitated discussion . Mike Hoffmann and Alan Bronikowski will be moderators.

The following guidelines were set for the final selection process at the May Parish Council meeting. In the event that the discernment process yields more candidates than available seats, the current council membership and all nominees present will resolve

the issue by vote using the stacked/ranked process. The number of open seats will determine the ranking values.

Chairperson's Report

There will be a full Southern Cross meeting next Saturday (March 27th) and Cliff Shelton will attend. Andy Parr of the Athletic committee is still looking into the insurance issues and other questions regarding the eligibility of students in Religious Education families in our cluster to participate in our athletic programs.

Fr. Pat's Report – Nothing more at this time.

Closing Prayer – Troy Fields