

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – May 24, 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, Jeff Menz, Karen Franckowiak, Chris Adams, Mike Hofmann, Laurie Stodola, Mike Kuick, Alan Bronikowski, Cliff Shelton, Fr. Pat, Steve Anderson

Excused: N/A

Reflection/Opening Prayer: C. Shelton

Minutes: Mike Kuick moved to approve minutes of the 4/26/10 PC meeting and Alan Bronikowski seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Downstairs Bathroom Renovations

Since the water will need to be shut off in the entire building to make renovations to the upstairs bathrooms that are scheduled for this summer, it was agreed that the renovations will include the lower level of the school;/church building. Funding for the renovations for the upper level will come from FIOF and funding for the lower level should come from contingency funds. Parish Council approved this proposal by consensus vote.

Liaison Reports:

- (1) **Christian Formation Committee (CFC)** – Did not have a quorum to meet.
- (2) **Prayer & Worship –Southern Cross** – A lack of collaboration (mainly St. Stephens) between parishes regarding the Confirmation service was noted. In future it was hoped that better communication between musicians and individuals coordinating the service can be attained. The Spring Prayer Service was held on Tuesday and was well attended. St. Matthews’s is in need of a new backdrop behind the alter in church and the committee is pricing it out. PAQ is considering having a Parish Mission during Advent 2011. Judy Wargin is researching.
- (3) **Southern Cross** – There was no formal meeting. No stipends were paid to speakers involved in “Catholics Returning Home” program. There were 15-16

attendees. There is a fund balance of \$911.32 in Southern Cross account.

- (4) **Social Ministry** - Social Ministry 10% allocation of funds from Loose Offering (\$2,650) and from the Fr. Joe Sukup Social Ministry designated fund (\$200) was distributed as follows: (1) \$500 to St. Matt Youth Mission Trip; (2) \$200 to Sandwich Sunday; (3) \$250 to Dominican Center for Women; (4) \$250 to Benedict Center; (5) \$200 to St. Catherine Parish BB League; (6)\$200 to Bread for the World; (7)\$200 to the Marianists; (8)\$200 Oxfam; (9):\$350 to Tomorrow's Present; (10)\$30 to Transitions Foundation of Guatemala; and (11)\$200 to Southern Poverty law Center

- (5) **Stewardship** – The Life Planning Seminar was well attended. There were around 30 people there and it was very informative. The Ministry fair will be held the weekend after Labor Day – September 11th and 12th..

- (6) **ASCB – Building & Grounds** – The lights and ceiling tile on the lower level of the school building has been completed. This summer we will try to install lights and ceiling tile in three lower level classrooms. The Security system is currently being installed but it will be several weeks before it will be complete. It is an intrusion system armed for late in the evening. It will be disarmed before the first person arrives. There will be no hard line connection to the police. Some cameras are already in place in the Gathering space and the parking area.

- (7) **ASCB – Finance** – (1) Finance committee approved the “Basketball Court Proposal” with funding being provided per proposal. (2) Budget issues of note include the fact that an 8% increase for health insurance was included in budget but the latest estimates are coming in at 13t-14% increase. With 2 teachers getting married, status changes could impact us but is currently an unknown. The rate increase alone would result in a \$8k of additional cost. (3) School Income - Board of Ed lowered the tuition increase from 7% to 6% in published 2010-2011 tuition rates. This will impact the budge by having \$7,230 less revenue. Current school enrollment for next year is at 195 with K-4 and K-5 fully enrolled with a waiting list. (4) Staff were authorized to implement staff increases for temporary summer help immediately as has been our practice in the past.

New Business

June Parish Council Social was discussed.

Chairperson's Report

At the June Parish Council meeting the election of officers will take place. Cliff asked that council members prayerfully consider that process. The same voting process will determine the selection if more that one individual is being considered for an office.

Fr. Pat's Report

Fr. Pat announced that Fr. Patrick Heppe, Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee would

like to meet with the Parish Council and members of St. Matthew's staff at 3:30 on Saturday.

Closing Prayer – L Knorr