
St. Matthew Parish Council Meeting

May 26th, 2010

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Present: Father Jim, Father Jim, Scott Mokoski, Brenda Falusi, Flavio Gaudio, Jennifer Gaudio, Marion Burke, Rick Fox, Beth Berryman, Karen Sheridan

Chairperson: Scott Mokoski opened the meeting at 7:05 and closed the meeting at 8:15.

Opening Prayer and Reflections: Father Jim

Discussion and acceptance of April minutes: Falvio Gaudio and Rck Fox

Pastor's Remarks: Congratulated Fr. Jim Sucholet on his 19th anniversary.

Bob Zagura is leaving as our Sexton. He will be missed. Options for finding a new sexton are being explored.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation: Karen Sheridan

Evening of Discernment was held and yielded 3 new religious ed teachers. This year's Confirmation class of 65 was confirmed on May 23rd. Next years Confirmation class of 80 candidates is very large and St. Matthew Church may not be able to accommodate all who wish to attend at one time. Options are being considered.

Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Program "Why Catholic?" – Brenda Falusi, Reeni Vinci

Currently, three Small Faith Community Leaders, have been identified

Stewardship: Marion Burke

Brochures and a letter for the Stewardship fair to be held in September are being completed. Speaker for Stewardship Sunday being sought.

Building/Maintenance: Scott Mokoski, Gary Kozlowski

Lighting decision will be made at June 3rd meeting. Meetings with contractors to provide excavation to channel water away from the new building and to inspect chimney will be completed soon.

Liturgy: Alaric Fox

Meeting held 5/4. Easter week events were reviewed. The Crowning of Mary celebration for May 2011 was discussed. On June 5th the Sign of Peace and the Cup will be reinstated.

Arts and Environment: Marion Burke

Pentecost decorations were beautiful. Committee is looking for new members.

Pro Life: Reeni Vinci

Bottle donations are down. Please remember to donate your beverage containers with a deposit on them.

Pre-School: Tom Machuga

3 year old preschool is full and the 4 year old class has 10 children. Looking into EFT to make payment more convenient for parents.

Carnival: Alaric Fox

Memorial Day weekend May 27th – 29th. Advance ticket sales are going very well. Carnival committee has provided the two new St. Mathew sign at both entrances to the church driveway.

Haiti: Father Jim, Paul Wilczewski

John Bouley was in Haiti May 5th – May 15th and visited St. Pierre Parish for the weekend. People are still sleeping in tents for fear of being caught inside buildings. The church, rectory and school were all slightly damaged during the earthquake and are being used during the day. School items are needed. Please see the barrel in the church hall to donate school supplies.

PRAYER INTENTION

PRAYER INTENTION: The Parish Council recommends the following prayer intentions for the month of June:

For a speedy resolution to the oil rig disaster in the Gulf waters and for the people who are impacted by this tragic accident. May we learn to take care of the precious environment of this earth in greater ways.