

St. Matthew Parish Council Meeting

October 26, 2011

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Present: Father Jim, Father Bill, Alaric Fox, Brenda Falusi, Dave Kostyk, Jim Marie, Scott Mocoski, Ann Nolan, Linda Romejko, Karen Sheridan, Reeni Vinci, Frank Kenney, Gary Kozlowski, Matt O'Brien, Tom Skinner, Jennifer O'Brien, and Tiffany Tran.

Chairperson: Scott Mocoski opened the meeting at 7:15 and closed at 9:05

Opening Prayer and Reflections: Scott Mocoski

Discussion and Acceptance of September minutes: Scott Mocoski, Brenda Falusi - with one correction.

Opened the meeting with the installation of new members: Adults: Frank Kenney, Gary Kozlowski, Matt O'Brien, Linda Romejko & Tom Skinner.
Youth: Jennifer O'Brien & Tiffany Tran

Election of Officers: Alaric Fox - Chairperson, Gary Koslowski - Assistant Chairperson, Tom Skinner - Secretary, Brenda Falusi - Assistant Secretary.

Pastor's Remarks: Fr. Jim Carini

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Youth Committee:** Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Faith Formation:** Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Adult Faith Formation:** Brenda Falusi
"Why Catholic" program doing well. Some interest in adult Bible Study, will gather and discuss further within committee.
- ❖ **Development:** Currently no chairperson of the committee. Looking for a chairperson to lead, plan, execute 2-3 fundraisers each year. The Script Program will no report under the Development Committee, and Karen Sheridan has offered her leadership to help further develop the program to leverage across the parish for more involvement.
- ❖ **Stewardship:** Dave Kostyk.
Fall Ministry Fair was thinly attended, and exploring idea of holding a Spring Ministry Fair.
- ❖ **Building/Maintenance:** Scott Mocoski
Parish Hall kitchen is almost complete. The only known water leak is near the kitchen in the stairway. A vendor has provided solution to stop the leak. Going to explore some sort of re-dedication of the Statue of Mary in the new memorial garden. There is debris behind the shed that needs to be removed.
- ❖ **Communications:** Linda Romejko
Looking for ideas on items to post to parish website. Discussion on adding links to the weekly bulletin inserts. Also, if there are people interested in helping to keep the parish site 'fresh'.
- ❖ **Liturgy:**
Looking for new members to help with the committee. No new meeting since September 7th. The new Roman Missal will start being used the 1st Sunday of Advent. Parish Workshop scheduled for November 3rd - all welcome. RSVP to the Parish Office. Upcoming Eucharistic Minister re-training on December 10th. Pew cards were purchased and will be made available for multiple uses during mass.
- ❖ **Pro Life:** Reeni Vince
The Pro Life ministry will hand over the successful script program to the Parish to be further developed on a larger scale, and moved to the Development Committee. Funding for Pro Life will utilize the very successful can/bottle collection. The last script sale is in November. We thank Mary for her leadership. Enough money has been raised to print one and a half years of billboards.
- ❖ **Peace and Justice:** Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Haiti:** Karen Sheridan/Fr. Jim
Tentative dates have been established, but not sure if St. Pierre will be ready for our visit due to change in pastors. Identified school desks and teacher chairs from St. Mary's School in Putnam that can be donated, but shipping costs will be quite high. Need to raise additional funds to offset the overall expenses. There is a Lutheran group in Wisconsin that is assisting St. Pierre Parish, and Fr. Jim has been communicating with that group to coordinate efforts.
- ❖ **Preschool:** The Preschool just completed their first major fundraiser selling Yankee Candles, and expect to do very well. They have gone on a few field trips, and are looking forward to Trick or Treating through the Parish Offices.
- ❖ **Pastoral Planning:** Fr. Jim
Continued discussions with twinning two additional parishes along with St. Matthew's and St. Bernard's. Fr. Jim will continue the dialogue and provide update at the next meeting.

New Business:

We discussed the future of the Script Program, and how to leverage the entire parish community to make it successful. There are a number of possibilities, especially if it can be transitioned to being web-based and accepting EFT/credit and debit cards online. Karen Sheridan will work with the Development Committee to identify the best approach for the parish.

PRAYER INTENTION:

The Parish Council recommends the following prayer intention to us for the month of November. **As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday season, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Not just for the many material gifts we have been so very blessed with, but for the gifts of each other in the many relationships of love and friendship we have been privileged to receive.**