

St. Matthias Pastoral Council – Nov. 14, 2017 Meeting

- The meeting opened at 7:00pm with a prayer led by Dick Neyer

Members Present

Fr. John Amankwah
Sima Bayamma
Doug Keil
Dick Neyer
Chris Shands
Lorenzo Todd
Nancy Zoeller

Members Absent

Fr. Mike Pucke
Fr. Lambert Ulinzwenimana
Victoria Childers
Kurt Juengling
Judie Mohr
Karen Williams

- There was no reading of minutes from the last meeting. Dick Neyer stated that last meeting was mostly our inputs to Bishop Binzer regarding desirable qualities we hope for in our new pastor. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Nancy Zoeller, seconded by Doug Keil and voted to accept.
- No updates on WWPR
- Ghanaian Community. Fr. Amankwah reported that the Ghanaian community is in discord and split into two groups. One group (approximately half the original), led by Fr. Amankwah, continues to meet for weekly mass at St. Matthias. The other group (remaining half), led by Fr. Francis Tandoh of Dayton, OH, has services at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Glendale. Fr. Amankwah looks to Cincinnati Archbishop Schnur as his leader, whereas Fr. Tandoh, who is a Holy Ghost priest, looks to the leader of his order in another state as his authority. A meeting of representatives from both groups was arranged at Church of the Resurrection in Cincinnati. Per Fr. Amankwah the bishop in Ghana directed the two groups to re-unite and return to St. Matthias. If the people and the finances do not return to St. Matthias, as directed, the bishop in Ghana will consider them “not good Catholics”.
- No Finance Committee report.
Items to be discussed at next Finance meeting include;
 - Replace coolant system of walk-in freezer (quit but back up after add Freon)
 - Re-seal and stripe parking lot
 - Need \$600 to replace floor mats in shelter kitchen (need before Lenten fish fry’s).
- No CMA updates
- WWPR directories are not in yet. Claire expects to have them by year end.
- No update on suggestion for monthly coffee, juice, donuts after mass.
- Christmas “Giving Tree” – Doug Keil
 - Plan to have tree up Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 25th)
 - Need gifts turned in by Dec. 10th (2 weeks)
 - Will reduce the number of gift ornaments this year for Foster Child Enrichment to 67.
- Christmas Decorations. Nancy Zoeller plans to decorate church for Christmas on Dec. 21st. Need Volunteers to help decorate.
- STM parishioner (Bob Feth) made suggestion WWPR consider a Fr. Chris Coleman memorial golf scramble. Doug Keil volunteered to prepare article for the bulletin to determine level of interest from the region.
- Nancy Zoeller made motion to adjourn meeting, Chris Shands seconded and meeting was closed at 8:55 with prayer led by Fr. John Amankwah.

Minutes taken & witten by Lorenzo Todd.