

St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting: April 12, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:03 pm

1. **Opening prayer was given by Father John**

Council members attending:

Paul Novak – president

Matt Tomac – vice president

Tom Julian – treasurer - excused

Linda Bisbee – corresponding secretary

Elaine Gavaras – recording secretary

Guests:

Eric Johnson

Minutes from February meeting were reviewed. Moved to accept made by Paul and seconded by Linda. All approved. Minutes will be posted on the website.

Reports/updates:

1. **Priest's report – Father John:**

On Sunday after liturgy, Father was asked to visit a Mission outside of Milwaukee and speak after Vesper service. He then was able to visit Archbishop Paul while hospitalized. Father was able to pray with him and ask for prayers for all of us. Father then met with the chancellor. Officially today, Archbishop Paul will be discharged to Home Hospice. Father asks for continued prayers for him.

The clergy convocation in May has been cancelled due to the Archbishop's illness.

Paul will be bringing palms and pussy willows to church this weekend.

There will be baptisms also this weekend.

Looking forward to Holy week and Pascha, there are not concerns.

Father will be on vacation April 27-29 after Pascha.

Clint Squires and Jennifer Kirkland will be married May 15.

The All American Council will be attended by Pedro Sarsama. He has registered and has purchased his tickets.

Matthew Hanson is continuing with director choir lessons.

There is a monastery in Libertyville which is being considered as a nice trip for the youth group.

2. President's report – Paul Novak:

Per Eric, there is now a permanent sign posted at the Transfiguration Chapel in Sister Bay.

Donations for the Ukrainian effort continues but has been redirected elsewhere than St. Matthew . There is now more room upstairs.

Martha discussed having an Easter Egg Hunt after the Agape Service on Sunday afternoon. She will organize the hunt with the help of the older teens.

We are proceeding with the Pascha midnight meal and the Agape meal after the Agape Service on Sunday afternoon.

Vacation Church School will be this summer again. Linda will place the dates in the bulletin this summer. It will be very similar as to last year. There was no fee last year. The cost last year was about \$500 but may be more this year.

There was mention regarding a need for a second dishwasher. This will be considered along with possibly remodeling the entire kitchen.

3. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:

The lights are mounted in the upstairs classroom.

Nathaniel's Eagle Scout project is pending until he receives approval from his leaders.

4. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian (excused):

Per Paul, we are doing well.

5. Corresponding secretary – Linda Bisbee:

There will be one newsletter for the months of June, July and August.

New Business:

The Ukrainian Bake Sale is May 14. They are asking for space and not specifically for donations.

Father John was ordained April 24 last year, 2021. Paul proposes a cake to commemorate Father's ordination.

The siding project is moving along. Donations continue. Linda will continue to post the dollar amount in the bulletin.

Father and Paul have worked with Jeff to choose an icon for the Last Supper icon on the iconostasis. The cross is 12 inches tall and 8-9 inches wide.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda and seconded by Father, approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Father gave the closing prayer.