

St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council

Meeting: November 09, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

1. Opening prayer was given by Father John.

Council members attending:

Paul Novak – president

Matt Tomac – vice president

Tom Julian – treasurer

Linda Bisbee – corresponding secretary

Elaine Gavaras – recording secretary

Guests: Jeff Zdrale

October minutes were reviewed. Linda motioned to accept, seconded by Matt and approved by all.

Reports:

1. Priest's report – Father John:

Father performed two funerals in the past month.

The baptism for Alexandra Perry is planned for this Saturday

Sunday school classes are going well.

Brandon Seefeld will become a catechumen this Sunday.

Things are going well with other inquirers.

On December 05, we will have a speaker from A and A Alexandrina Pregnancy Crisis Center in Green Bay

Father will be taking vacation during the week of Thanksgiving. Father is available by phone.

The men's group will be meeting December 11 at the church for fellowship and lunch. This will be announced after the St. Matthew dinner.

2. President's report – Paul Novak:

The question arose if there needed to be a food sign-up sheet for coffee hour. There seems to be plenty of food lately. Will continue to consider.

There was a request for a coffee hour clean-up. Paul will head this project.

Paul would like to include new people to become more involved in church projects. He suggested sign-up sheets.

Iconography phase III will include nativity scene and resurrection scene along with medallions of the prophets. The estimate is around \$32,000. Paul advises to let 'the dust settle' a bit and will bring the subject up at the annual meeting.

Paul discussed St. Matthew dinner program. This includes prayers, introduction of guests, opening comments including iconography. There will be instructions on lines for food. There will be a few speakers and Jeff Zdrale will review the history of St. Matthew. Father John will talk for a bit and end with a closing prayer. This is St. Matthew's 39th year.

3. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:

Nathaniel is in the Eagle Scott program and is considering developing a seating area/picnic table by the fire pit as well as in the grassy area in the front of the church. He will likely present his ideas to the counsel in the near future.

4. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian:

October was a good month.

When all is finished, there will likely still be some monies left in the iconography fund. Regarding Phase II, funds will need to be made by mid-January. Tom prefers donations to be made during this calendar year. There is about \$9700 left to be collected.

\$1655 was raised during fall festival. This money will go to ministries.

There may be some necessary repairs that will need to be made in the nave. Will discuss at future meetings.

Legacy fund now has \$2300.

See attached.

Old Business:

Paul is researching possible outside iconography which would be placed in the windows above the alter area. There will be further research.

Paul and Deacon Spyridon will be discussing church siding options.

Matt motioned to adjourn, seconded by Linda. All approved.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned by all at 8:06 pm.

Father John gave the closing prayer.