

St Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting: June 18, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Opening prayer was given by Father John

Council members attending:

Paul Novak - president

Matt Tomac - vice president

Tom Julian - treasurer

Mark Massopust - corresponding secretary (excused)

Vera Limberopoulos - recording secretary

2. Minutes from May 14, 2024, parish council meeting were reviewed and corrections noted. A motion was made to approve by Paul, seconded by Matt. Approved by all.

Reports / updates / old business:

2. Priest's report- Father John:

A. Father has returned from his vacation.

B. Dexter Panella inquired about serving at the altar. Father will reach out to Mark Massopust and Frank Hurst about training him.

Liturgical schedule:

1. On Saturday, June 15th Lucca Valverde will be baptized at 11am.
2. June 16th is Pentecost. The Liturgy will include the kneeling prayers.
3. Saturday, June 29th is the Feast of St Peter and Paul. Liturgy will be in Sister Bay. There will be a meal following at Julie Shafer's (Pat and Kathy's daughter) house across the street.
4. June 30th and July 6th the Tomacs will not be here. Noah Becker will lead Matins and Matthew Hanson will lead Liturgy
5. July 13 will have 2 baptisms and a chrismation of the Eslinger family, Dan, Kaydee and Nathaniel, in Waupaca.
6. July 20th will be the reception of the Landergran family.

- 7. The July Liturgical calendar has been sent out.
- 8. July 28th is Sophia Roegner's wedding at 2:00 pm.
- C. The second and fourth week in July will have the Vacation Church School.
- D. The chalice that was purchased for Waupaca needs one part reattached.
- E. The new service books came. The old liturgy books have been removed and will be used upstairs, only for liturgy. The new books have Vespers, Matins, Liturgy and Presanctified Liturgy.
- F. Bonita Zdrale will be going into Hospice care tomorrow.

2. President's report - Paul Novak:

The beam and the wall in the church will be finished by July 26th.

3. Vice president's report - Matt Tomac:

- A. The crossover pipe needs recertification every 2 years and is due by the end of July. Benzschawel Plumbing did it in the past. A dishwasher and sump pump have been added since the last certification. Matt will reach out to a plumber to inquire about it.
- B. The cleaning schedule occasionally hasn't had follow through. Paul relayed that he would add the cleaners to the Saturday email.
- C. The fire pit and wood has been removed from the upper lawn and grass seed has been applied.

4. Treasurer's report - Tom Julian:

A. We are currently not in good financial shape and are unable to cover our bills. **NOTE:** *As of July 10th our financials are back on track.* We have \$3,275 in outstanding obligations and \$2,297 on hand. This does not include mowing fees. Our recent expenditures include: Fr Tom's fee, large Pascha flower fee, service books (still owed to Fr John), Pension Fund (not yet paid to the diocese, general operational fees. We are ok on the mortgages. Giving is down. It takes \$12,000/ month to run our parish. Toml will make sure that the salaries and obligations are paid. He will work with Paul to decide where to allocate funds from on hand to where they are needed to temporarily meet expenses.

B. \$75 - \$80 thousand has been raised over the last 12 months for large projects. People have been extremely generous because it's what they can see, touch, smell or feel.

B. Numerical growth does not mean that more money is coming in. Younger Christians or converts might not have been in the tithing mode.

Old business / new business:

- A. Paul relayed that the question was asked by new individuals. What does it take to be a

member (of the church). The answer: a. come to church, b. participate, c. make donations on a regular basis. It was mentioned that we should put out the messaging what it takes to be a full-fledged member.

- B. Father will make a bulletin insert addressing our general finances, what it takes to run the parish.
- C. Anna Roegner is going to school to become an interior designer. Paul asked her, her sisters and Brandon for feedback. She will come up with a design concept for the great room, a space for everyone to use. This could possibly be a fall project.
- D. The kitchen ovens need a new breaker to be operational. Misha Mykhaylyuk said that he could do it by the end of June.
- E. October 12 will be the Fall Festival.
- F. November 10th will be St Matthew Dinner.
- G. Vera Limberopoulos relayed that John Limberopoulos will be donating a hot dog steamer to the church.
- H. August 3rd The Timber Rattlers (baseball team) will be playing. Matt Tomac and a group will be singing the National Anthem at the preshow at approximately 7pm. Father suggested that Vespers could be moved forward to 3:00 or 3:30 that day.
- I. Herrick Hall Cross. We are still investigating the possibility to put a cross on the roof. This is going to be a long-term plan/project.
- J. There is continued conversation with a local cemetery regarding plots.
- K. August 18th is the Annual Church Picnic.

A motion was made by Paul to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Tom, approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Father gave the closing prayer.