

## St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

**Meeting:** June 14, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:01 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: none**

Minutes from May meeting were reviewed. Move 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:**

Father purchased a dehumidifier and air purifier for the church. Paul cleaned out the sump pit. It appears the smell has improved.

Father was invited to the Green Bay Rotary Club to present the Orthodox Church and its history. He was well received.

Tuesday and Wednesday Adult Education attendance is a bit low after Pascha, which is expected.

There are people who are coming into the church and who have been brought back into the church.

In the next few months, there will be several baptisms, chrismations.

At the previous meeting, Father mentioned a Priest who may be moving into the area. Since that meeting, he will likely not be moving here.

Summer Church School will be this week. There are 13 children enrolled and 5 adults helping.

The Ukranian people using the upper room no longer need the area.

Father has some gas cards that he can use for benevolence.

**2. President's report – Paul Novak:**

The code to the church will be changed this week

**3. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:**

Church picnic is August 28 at Prebble Park.

All the supplies have been purchased for Nathaniel's Eagle picnic table project. He will begin construction soon.

Matt noted that a mop was sitting in stagnant water and may have contributed to the musty smell. People will be reminded to empty the mop buckets and to turn the sink faucets off tightly.

Matt continues to look at different options for streaming services.

**4. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian**

Treasurer's report is attached and reviewed.

Tom made a motion to increase Father's salary as he has been here for 1 year. Tom offered an increase of 4% on July 01, 2022 and review again in December 2022 as inflation is projected to continue. Motioned by Linda and approved by Matt. All approved.

**5. Corresponding secretary – Linda Bisbee: no report**

**New Business:**

Timber Rattlers game dates were discussed. The decision was for Friday, July 29.

**Old Business:**

We continue to wait for the Cross for the iconostasis to arrive.

Parish information meeting will be July 24.

Tom thought that we could look at asking for more altar servers.

The next meeting will be August 09, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Father gave the closing prayer.