

St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting: 07/11/2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Father John -

Council members attending:

Paul Novak – president
Matt Tomac – vice president - excused
Tom Julian – treasurer
Mark Massopust – corresponding secretary
Elaine Gavaras – recording secretary

Guests: None

Cathy Mangan's name was corrected on the previous minutes.

Minutes from June were reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Paul, seconded by Tom.
Approved by all.

Reports and updates:

Priest's report – Father John:

Vacation church school went very well with 18 children attending. Next month, there may be 18-21 children.

There are a few youths who have agreed to attend the Youth outing with Father Elijah. Father may consider taking the church tent to use.

The Liturgical schedule for August is set up. Will have liturgy August 11 at Transfiguration Chapel in Sister Bay.

Deb Novak discussed new alter and chalice covers in the chapel with Christa West. Father talked with Julie Schaffer, Pat Magnan's daughter, who agreed. This would be especially nice if Bishop Daniel is able to come up in the fall. Father made a motion to purchase these items, Tom seconded and all approved.

Tom suggested to use the icons which will be replaced at St. Matthew to replace the iconostasis in Transfiguration Chapel.

The typica in Waupaca went very well last Sunday. Father may be doing a Liturgy in Waupaca in early September. He will consider performing Liturgy there about once every 3 months.

Father Moses will be in Green Bay in July – August and will be leading the service in Green Bay on July 31 as Father is going to West Bend on that day to serve at the church there.

Will replace Father's red chairs in his office.

Will continue to encourage people to complete the new parishioner's forms that are at the front desk.

We have signed up to serve a meal at House of Hope on October 18th.

New business:

- 1. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:** absent

- 2. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian:**

See attached budget information.

We will be sending a check to Pedro. There was a donation of \$1800 for a total of \$4800 that will be sent to Pedro and his family. Then he will be receiving \$900 quarterly.

We are not getting designated funds to missions, less than we have in the past. Tom advises to consider a more informational push for donations. Paul will put this on the agenda for August 06.

We have also not received any monies for benevolence recently and will start to promote in the Saturday emails.

For iconography, we currently have \$10,169 dollars. WE have not taken any money from the legacy fund but may consider that also, which would bring the total to \$17,500.

The Magnan's are approaching the Sister Bay Council to create an easement that will lead to Transfiguration Chapel. Then, the chapel and the land will be gifted to a non-profit organization.

Old business:

Paul:

Father and Paul have had discussions with Dimitry. Dimitry is engaged to start the iconography project and is considering finishing in Green Bay prior to Pascha 2024. Phase III pricing was reviewed during this meeting.

The Narthex wall will be built in August. A St. Matthew icon could be written by Dimitry Shkolnik which could be hung in the entry.

The total for the above to be raised would be around \$50,000. Will discuss at the August 16th meeting.

When the windows will be replaced in Herrick Hall, will also replace the entire counter. Paul made a motion to replace the counter in Herrick Hall with the cost offset by donations. Seconded by Father John and approved by all.

The six primary icons on the iconostasis should be replaced as we do not have St. Matthew and St. John the Baptist. Paul received images of the icons which were written by Dimitry. Will contact Dimitry to review the icons available so that they may blend into the present iconography in the church.

At the August 06 meeting, Paul will formally 'kick-off' the iconography fundraiser. Will also discuss the importance of continuing to donate to Missions work.

The annual picnic is set for August 17th at Bay Beach. Matt will scout out the area for available electricity outlets, etc.

Though siding is finished, will need to still do some caulking around the windows.

In August, Paul, Deacon Spyridon, and Chick Bayerl will start building the wall in the Narthex.

Paul is setting a date for August 6 for starting the upstairs room projects. There are several metal chairs that will be donated. We will keep about 20-30 chairs. Paul made a motion to donate about 50 metal chairs, seconded by Tom and approved by all.

Herrick Hall roof will need to be replaced. May consider a membrane for the peaks and flat areas which will cost about \$35,000. If metal is added, then it will be \$55,000 as every piece of metal will need to be cut on an angle. Tom feels we should consider what we want the church to look like in the future. We can also consider repairing in phases. We could also consider doing membrane and metal. Tom mentioned that he may try to find another bidder but there are limited roofers in the area. So, we may need to look at Milwaukee. Father felt

that we can postpone this project for another year as we are raising monies for iconography. Tom feels that we can have an on-going discussion of this project. And he also feels that the windows and the caulking need to be finished. Therefore, all agreed with Father to postpone the roofing project for another year. Mark did mention a concern regarding snow sliding off the metal roof. That also will be taken into consideration. Based upon the bid that we received and discussion at this council meeting, Paul made a motion to continue an ongoing discussion regarding the roof project. Seconded by Tom and approved by all.

Mark suggested purchasing the book "Know the Faith" by Michael Shanbour to give to new parishioners who are interested in the Orthodox faith.

The next Council meeting will be August 08, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn by Paul and seconded by Tom, approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Closing prayer by Father John.

Parish Info Meeting 08/06/2023

Account	Funds on Hand	Bills pending/Pledges outstanding	Total Available
Operating	\$7799.00	(\$7272.00)	\$527.00
Building	\$5860.00	(\$1200.00)	\$4660.00
Missions	\$1532.00	(\$ 300.00)	\$1232.00
Bookstore	\$ 711.00	(\$ 156.00)	\$ 555.00
Candle	\$ 102.00	0	\$ 102.00
P42	\$1515.00	(\$1500.00) on 8/10	\$ 15.00
Icons	\$3735.00 savings \$8660.00 CD	\$10000.00	\$15395.00(+10K)

\$3000.00 Leg/End (1/2 of SMOC Leg/End funds)

Leg/End	\$10000.00 Chapel	\$16000.00
	\$ 3000.00 SMOC	

Total		\$35687.00
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**Outstanding mortgage balance is \$176,235.00 pay \$1187 payment + \$313 principal= \$1500
Year to Date Income is \$134,660.00 YTD Budget thru 07/31/2023 is \$100,528.00
Monthly Income need is \$14,361.00 per budget**

Building maintenance, insurance and utilities continue to run above budget. Considering!

Iconography \$110,000

Parking Lot \$60,000

1/2 a roof \$33,000

Siding Repair\$50,000

Flooring \$25,000

Furnace \$12,000

HW and DW \$ 6,000

Electrical \$10,000

Painting \$10,000

Misc ?

**Incredible paid off \$100K of mortgage and
over \$350K of upgrades. Rejoice and be glad!**