

St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting: October 10, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:04 pm

1. Opening prayer was given by Father John

Council members attending:

Paul Novak – president

Matt Tomac – vice president

Tom Julian – treasurer

Pedro Sarsama – corresponding secretary

Elaine Gavaras – recording secretary

Guests: Lisa Ocokoljich

Minutes reviewed. Motion made to approve by Paul, seconded by Matt. All approved.

Reports/updates:

1. Priest's report – Father John:

We started the siding project which will continue to move forward.

Several church members were able to travel to Sister Bay on September 24 to clean and attend Vespers.

Father and several other parishioners were able to attend the Bishop's enthronement.

2 baptisms were performed in the past 2 weeks.

Several people have had injuries and surgeries. Father has been able to visit with them and they continue to recover well.

Father continues to meet with the catechumens and has been meeting with others who are interested in becoming catechumens.

Ukrainian families will be arriving.

Father and Mary Petersen will visit with House of Hope this upcoming week.

We will be preparing for the Bishop's visit the weekend of November 18 with more details in the next couple weeks.

2. President's report – Paul Novak:

Fall festival is approaching, October 22, and preparations continue.

We have the 2023 pledge cards available. End of year statements will likely be distributed after the St. Matthew dinner.

3. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:

The furnace was tuned up and seems to be running better. Matt created a maintenance check sheet focusing on air filter replacement.

The cleaning schedule was updated. Paul noted that the rugs in the church should be vacuumed.

4. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian:

We have paid the accounts to the stated ministries. Then we will be a bit short. Therefore, we will need to bring in a bit more money. We committed \$10,000 to ministries this year but in actuality, will be \$12,000+.

The siding project is currently funded.

There are funds for iconography which were placed in a CD.

We are considering catering for the St. Matthew dinner. Tom has been reserving monies from the last offering which will likely be enough for this plan.

Tom continues to check on a different application for managing the budget.

5. Communicating secretary – Pedro:

Pedro is doing well with the Communication Letter.

New Business:

Most donations are brought to Paul's Pantry in Green Bay. Matt has been bringing donations while Lars is unable to do that at this time.

Paul received the 2022-2023 snow removal proposal. The proposal came from the same company that we have used in the past. Paul will sign and return the contract to continue service.

Paul will be picking up the food for the Fall Festival. The menu is the same as last year. Lisa has volunteered to assist with organizing the bake sale. Set up will begin the evening before. There may be a small area for crafts. We still need people to sign up to help with the festivities. Father will place a Facebook add.

For the St. Matthew dinner: the food will be catered. The menu will be vegetarian along with wine. There will be a head table for the Bishop and Father. There will be a small program with short speeches. We will need to set up tables the night before – Saturday. We will try to obtain a people count.

The siding project will resume this weekend.

There are two aluminum digital printed icons with a UV covering which would cover the windows which were taken out from behind and above the altar. A discussion ensued regarding design style. Overall, the council felt that this was a nice replacement. The windows are \$780.00 a piece, by donation.

Will consider painting the narthex prior to the Bishop's arrival.

Byzantine learner's group has resumed meeting. In conversation with Father, they will be participating during Matins.

The next Council meeting will be November 08, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Father gave the closing prayer.