

St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting: May 10, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:00 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:

Tonya Phillips

Minutes from April 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:

There was good attendance at Pascha. Wilmer Munteanu was baptized.

Children's movie night went very well.

May 07 was the funeral and burial of Adam Devid Davidova of Madison, son of Laylush.

The wedding of Clint Squires and Jennifer Kirkland will be this Sunday at 3:00pm. We will arrange for the church to be cleaned.

A couple families have already signed up for vacation church school.

Father is considering moving to a different model for Sunday school. He is considering having the Sunday school teachers and children have communion and then go to the school rooms for Sunday school. This would start next fall.

At some point, there will be a process to nominate a new Bishop to our Diocese.

2. President's report – Paul Novak:

At last Sunday, there were few alter boys available. This is not a typical problem. Father advises that if there are no alter boys present, Paul will discuss with Will and come up with a plan. Matt suggested a more structured fall-back system. Father mentioned maybe training more people.

3. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:

Nathanial's Eagle project received final approval. He will start fund-raising.

4. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian

**The treasury report was reviewed – see attached.
We did well during Lent.**

We have had multiple contributions to the siding project. The diocese dues have not been cashed for March and April.

Tom asked if Father needed funds for Vacation Church School. Father feels it will cost just less than \$1000 for the entire time. Tom suggested possibly contributing \$250.00 from the Book Store to the Vacation Church School. Linda mention a request for donations in the bulletin.

5. Corresponding secretary – Linda Bisbee:

None

New Business:

We have many children in our church and in the past, we have discussed a 'crying room.' In discussion with the mothers in our parish, they have felt that having the ability to view the service in Herrick Hall would be nice. Matt will look at researching for a better WiFi service.

Church picnic is approaching – August.

Paul suggested having a quarterly informational meeting to the Parish. A date is tentatively set for July 24. Paul made a motion seconded by Tom and agreed by all.

The garden has been planted on the church grounds and looks great.

Dale Peterson is donating the service for dandelion removal.

Will and the young adults had a ping-pong game which was enjoyed.

Linda will send out one more newsletter for the summer.

The cross above the Last Supper has been ordered.

The Ukranian Bake Sale is this weekend.

The next meeting will be June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Father gave the closing prayer.