

St. Matthew Orthodox Church Parish Council Meeting

Meeting: September 13, 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

Pedro Sarsama – corresponding secretary

Elaine Gavaras – recording secretary

Guests: Jeff Zdrale

Jeff will place the picture taken at the annual church picnic in a frame and place in Herrick Hall.

Jeff suggested that someone cover for delivery to the pantries since Lars is unable to do that at this time.

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

Reports/updates:

1. **Priest's report – Father John:**

Father is considering moving the Tuesday morning Bible study to Tuesday evening by Zoom.

Upcoming events: Sister Bay cleaning with lunch and Vespers at 3:00 pm. Father was considering to have Liturgy in Sister Bay on October 29.

Gregory is being baptized on October 08 and Father will not be here for Vespers. Deacon Spyridon will be present.

Father had a Deanery meeting on Zoom yesterday. This was the first time with Bishop Daniel. Matt will be made a reader and Pedro a Subdeacon at that time.

Father has been in contact with a family in Manotowac who are considering coming to the church.

In speaking with Deacon Spyridon, there is consideration for a regularly scheduled Typica Service at his home once monthly to help in outreach. Tentative first date will be December 03.

This coming Sunday, we will be transitioning from Hours prior to Liturgy, to Matins.

2. President's report – Paul Novak:

The starting time for Sister Bay day will be about 10:30 with lunch at 12:30 and Vespers at 3:00. It will be a pot-luck lunch. We will clean off the deck, pick up some leaves and rake out to the road, sweep out the chapel, dust everything and clean the candle stands

3. Vice President's report – Matt Tomac:

There was progress made on the siding of the church. There is more work scheduled for this weekend on Friday and Saturday.

Matt bought a piece to repair the toilet.

4. Treasurer's report – Tom Julian:

The software we have been using to track the treasurer's report costs \$69 per month, now increased to \$119 per month. Father advised to reach out to a few parishioners who know how to use Excel. Paul mentioned there may be a 'lite' version that is cheaper. Tom will look into this.

Tom wrote a check for \$35,000 to the siding company which will cover the siding work on the east and south side and the lower windows in Herrick Hall.

The soffit will need to be replaced which may not cost much – maybe around \$500.

\$8,000 was placed in a CD for the next 13 months as discussed at last meeting.

The Diocese sent an email requesting that the August assembly money be sent to a Charity. \$1300 will be sent to a Charity of our choice. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Financially, we are doing well overall. We have been able to cover the extra mortgage payment through August and September. We have built up some funds in the building and repairs account.

5. Corresponding secretary – Pedro Sarsama:

Pedro is working on the newsletters. He requested Tom to list the different areas for donation and giving.

New Business:

Fall festival is Saturday October 22. Will need to arrange for a bake sale coordinator. We have not done a lot of advertising. Paul will look at advertising for the Fall Festival in addition to including something in Facebook. Paul will also mention in the newsletter and in announcements to ask the parishioners to come and bring a friend. Father mentioned maybe mentioning something for the children to do – like pumpkin carving (with an adult) and painting. And Tom mentioned a fire in the fire pit and possibly make s'mores.

Paul will look into new grills to use for the festival. He will look at prices.

The new cross arrived and was installed.

There will be a Ukrainian Festival on September 24. It will be held at the church.

We have made reservations for the Bishop and his driver at a local hotel when he comes to visit in November.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Father gave the closing prayer.