

St. Matthew's Parish Council Minutes – January 25, 2018

Present: Father Bob, Sister Anne Becker, Jerry Geis, Joanne Smith, Jackie Lackner, John Riehle, and Karen Thompson Absent: Becky Montgomery and Ellen Schneider

Father Bob provided copies of the Constitution, the Grow Plan and the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Memo adopted by the Council on April 21, 2015.

2018 Meeting Schedule – Typically we've been meeting the fourth Thursday of the month due to Father's schedule. Next month we will discuss our schedule for the year and determine facilitator and note taker for the remainder of the year. Joanne and Jackie will facilitate and take notes at our next meeting.

Mission statement – We will retain our mission statement as noted in the Constitution. We will discuss our vision statement at our next meeting. Mission statement is who we are. Vision is what we do.

Activities:

- Campus Get Together was cancelled due to inclement weather. John will reschedule after discussion with the Loaves and Fishes team and their availability.
- Faith Formation – Janelle is developing Liturgy for children at our Sunday mass. It was suggested that we start during Lent and evaluate the continuation of the program.
- Lent 2018 – Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 4 p.m. led by Father Bob. We have an ad in the West Side Voice listing all Lenten activities and information will be in the bulletin.
- The Metropolitan Symphony will be here on February 11th for one performance at 3 p.m.
- 50th anniversary of fire and Father Steve's birthday celebration on April 15th. Karen is coordinating and we have a theme. More details will be shared soon on activities. Fire Department and History Center have been contacted for pictures and information. Notice will be going in the bulletin for people's personal stories and if they have any artifacts from the fire.
- Mission Appeal – Father will be submitting dates to the archdiocese for our Mission appeal weekend. We are asking for late July.
- Fall festival – We confirmed that the date will be September 22nd and 23rd.

Parish Updates:

- The finance committee met and discussed leases, cleaning, the sound system, and reviewed the monthly financial statements. The letter that Father has written on results in 2017 and plans for 2018 was reviewed by the Finance Committee and shared with the Council members. It will be distributed to parishioners, included on the web site, with extra copies available at the back of church.

- Parish Center – The small kitchen on the lower level was painted and spaces are being cleaned.
- West Side Summit – Karen did not attend their board meeting. John has met with them.
- Loaves and Fishes – John has met regularly. Cleaning has been discussed.
- Casa Guadalupana – Insulation, air conditioning, the retaining wall and fence have been completed. The remaining projects for the spring are parking lot and privacy fence. This has been paid for through a grant from the city of St. Paul.
- St. Mary's Clinic – Sister Anne and John are contacts and there are no issues.
- Deacon Gregg has accepted a position at Our Lady of Guadalupe as business administrator. He will continue his deacon assignment with us on a more limited basis.

Action steps by Council members for next meeting

- Review documents for discussion on vision statement (where we are going in the future)
- Set meeting dates, facilitator, and note takers for 2018.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.