

**Saint Matthews Parish Council**  
**5/19/15 Notes**

Facilitator: Becky Montgomery

Note Taker: Jackie Lackner

Present:

Fr. Michael Rudolph

Sr. Ane Becker

Karen Thompson

Becky Montgomery

Ellen Schneider

Pat Sekevitch

Mike Bauer

Mark Thomford

Jackie Lackner

Others: Beth Geis, Joanne Smith, Lou Finnegan

1. School Building Update
  - a. Elevator- West Side Summit is willing to stay on the first floor to alleviate the need for an elevator this year. Steve Kowal is getting bids for cost of an elevator for future need.
  - b. Roof – Work on roof will begin once we determine if we can get a loan. Working on deciding how much of roof needs to be repaired.
  - c. Acting principal of the school requested the rent be kept the same as this year for the next school year. Father asked them for financials. Discussion about possibly amending the current lease to make changes for things like COS use of the gym, faith formation use for class, festival use, etc.
2. Facility Repairs
  - a. Church building, social hall and parish center
    - i. Discussion on what to do about the repairs that are already known and what repairs may need to be made that are not known at this time.
    - ii. Father to talk with Steve to get an update on the currently known repairs (roof in parish center with ceiling in meeting room, entryway of the church, air conditioner) and report to council.
    - iii. Talk about having Steve Kowal and some parishioners do a walk around the properties and create a list of repairs (to be done after school is out for the summer). Father to discuss with Steve.
3. Community Dinner for Father Rudolph
  - a. Dates were discussed and June 20<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon.
  - b. An ad hoc community will be formed with members from both St. Matthews and St. Michaels to plan. St. Matthews reps are Ellen Schneider, Florida Stevens, Karen Thompson and Joanne Smith.
4. Parish Transition/Archdiocesan Strategic Plan Task Force
  - a. Father mentioned he was aware that the task force had a meeting Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Father has not heard anything from the Archbishop on any decisions yet.

- c. Karen Thompson had contacted Bill Casey and asked what the process was regarding notification to the parish of any decision and had not heard from him prior to the meeting.
  - d. Father will notify the council when he hears if allowed.
- 5. Brother of Peace Food Shelf at Parish Center Request
  - a. They have contacted Father about moving their food shelf location from the Frog Town area to St. Matthews.
  - b. They would be open 2 days a week to start.
  - c. Members of the council had a concern based on our current relationship with Neighborhood House and their food shelf. Becky will discuss with Neighborhood House and see what their opinion is.
  - d. Father to talk with the Brothers and see what their plans/thoughts on where the food would come from to stock the shelves.
- 6. Oktoberfest Update
  - a. Dates of the festival are October 3-4.
  - b. Karen will chair the festival again this year.
  - c. The band from last year's dinner is already signed up to come back.
  - d. Karen will contact individuals who chaired committee's last year in June of this year about doing so again.
  - e. Natalie (Ellen's daughter) will do the Saturday dinner again.
- 7. Other Topics
  - a. Website Update
    - i. Karen talked with Rick Schletty and he has agreed to assist with updating/working on the website. He will talk with Chris Stevens.
    - ii. A list of what needs to be on the site needs to be created.
    - iii. Karen and Ellen will work on.
  - b. Father Dvorak
    - i. Father mentioned that he was creditably accused recently dating back to the 1970's.
    - ii. Discussion was had about when he was at St. Matthews and in what role.
    - iii. Father to make an announcement at the masses this weekend.
  - c. Forrester's matching fund community dinner
    - i. Date has been set for September 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Goal is to raise \$3000 this year.
    - iii. Funds to be put in the repair/maintenance fund for future repairs needed.
- 8. Summer meeting schedule
  - a. Next meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Jackie Lackner will facilitate and Ellen Schneider will be the note taker.
  - b. We are scheduling a July meeting as it will be the first with the new pastor. The date is July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Once the new pastor is named we can contact to be sure this date works for him. Ellen Schneider will facilitate and Pat Sekevitch will be the note taker.