

## St. Matthew's Parish Council Meeting Minutes – 7/16/15

In attendance: Mark Thomford, Becky Montgomery, Sister Anne Becker, Mike Bauer, Jackie Lackner, Ellen Schneider, Father Adams, Father Brinkman and Karen Thompson

Guests: Lu Finnegan, Joanne Smith, Bernie Klein, Janelle Rohr, Chris Wilfahrt

Reflection – Ellen Schneider

All present introduced themselves and their role in the parish. They expressed their thoughts, wishes and concerns for the future of St. Matthew's. Father James Adams shared his vision that we make Jesus known and loved. We should ask ourselves every day if we are being a disciple through our actions as individuals, St. Matthew's church, the community and the archdiocese. Both priests are looking forward to interaction with parish members and sharing resources within the three parishes.

**Community of Saints Report** – Jackie Lackner reported on the Richard Schulz challenge grant. It is a two part grant; financially a matching grant up to \$50,000 and a student enrollment goal of 175 students. There will be an ice cream social on August 5<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to have more publicity among the 4 parishes besides the bulletin. Karen will contact Bridget Kramer about inserting a flyer in all church bulletins. (Completed)

**Faith Formation** – Janelle Rohr reported on 2015/16 plans. The schedule is being developed and she will be recruiting teachers and students. There will be registration information on the updated website and tables after masses, the picnic and at Oktoberfest. Classes will be held in the Parish Center on Wednesdays. We collaborate with St. Michael's on Faith Formation and on sacramental preparation with Community of Saints. Karen will follow with Rich Schletty to see if we could have parents sign up on our web site. (Karen discussed with Rich and he said that it is possible to establish a registration system on line).

**Oktoberfest** – Karen Thompson will chair Oktoberfest. The first planning meeting will be held on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. The majority of chairs are returning and Karen is following up with the remainder. The band is set for Saturday evening along with dinner plans. More information will be included in future bulletins.

**Website** – Rich Schletty has generously assisted us in the redesign and refreshing of our website. He has updated the Community of Saints information, mass times, and the introduction of Father Adams and Father Brinkman. He is working with Maggie Lee on the "Good News" and Janelle Rohr on Faith Formation. Our plan is to ask for assistance in the maintenance of the site and additional ideas for the website at upcoming masses. We also want to train staff and volunteers to keep the site current.

**Picnic in the Park** – Father Steve Adrian has confirmed that he will be the celebrant for our mass in Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. at Cherokee Park.

**Calendar of Events** – Linda will be working on updating our calendar for the bulletin. We've asked about having staff coordinate a calendar for all three parishes so we don't duplicate times for programs and events.

**Next Meeting** – August 20<sup>th</sup>, Parish Center at 7 p.m. Karen Thompson will be facilitator and Pat Sekevitch will be taking notes.

Submitted by: Karen Thompson