

St. Matthew's Parish Council Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2015

In attendance: Fr. Adams, Mark Thomford, Jackie Lackner, Sister Anne Becker, Karen Thompson, Ellen Schneider, Pat Sekevitch

Guests: Lu Finnegan, Joanne Smith

Reflection - Sister Anne

Transition Committee Meeting - Karen reported there was good representation. Each parish is following their own schedules. They are putting together an email list and communicating among each other to support each other in our needs and individual needs. Both fathers are overwhelmed and trying to decide how to communicate for emergency events. They talked about the needs to the Rectory that can be worked on. Maybe put the list of needs in the Bulletin. Fr. Adams said it is hard to keep up with the Masses. It's tricky right now but working on a schedule.

Oktoberfest Update - Karen reported the Oktoberfest planning is on schedule. The Chairs are filled. All the old booths will be back. There will be basketball on Sunday. Karen attended St. Mike's festival meetings. She is trying to see where they can help us and we them.

Community Dinner - September 19 - working on Catholic Order of Foresters matching of funds.

Financial Updates - Fr. Adams is meeting with Finance people at the Archdiocese about our assessment. In good faith they want us to send some small amount; to make an effort for the Diocese to see we're trying to take small steps to bring payments up to date.

Finance Council will look at budgets at their next meeting. Karen did not have meeting date. Members include Joe Stevens, Becky Montgomery, Karen Thompson, and Joanne Smith.

Community of Saints Updates - They have 2 fulltime positions filled. There is no part time science teacher filled. Jackie reported **the Schultz grant challenge was to raise \$50,000 and the school did that. A secondary goal was to raise enrollment to 175, but the grant was not reliant on the enrollment number.**

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- Faith Formation - Jackie reported that there will be people after Mass this

weekend for sign-ups. Classes will start Wednesday, September 23. They are planning on the same numbers as last year but will maybe get some of Guadalupe kids to come.

West Side Summit Charter School Update - They have 150 students. They are running a van into South St. Paul to pick up kids. They are grateful we support them. Karen is scheduled to meet with them every two months. The Men's Club wants to use the gym for basketball. They want to think about is for liability issues. John DeVechio is looking into it. The roof has to be done by the time school starts next week. Going well.

Upcoming Events (calendar) - 3 churches are putting calendar together thru December to help Fathers to see what each parish is trying to accomplish.

September 19 -- all churches' lectors and ministers will come together in a large group and then breakout into smaller groups. Karen is doing a master list with names and emails of Councils and groups of all three churches.

Update on the Parish Center - Fr. Adams and Sister Anne reported that 3 groups looked at the Parish Center. The realtor would prefer to have a key. Karen looking into it.

New Business -

- **Listening Sunday** to start again the last weekend of each month at Saturday 4pm Mass and Sunday at 8am Mass.
- **Coffee Sunday** - starting after Labor Day with the Parish Council hosting September 13. Ellen and Karen volunteered to be there. Looking for more help.
- **St. Mary's Clinic** wants to expand their hours for the interim and also have some hours on Monday. More discussion on that later.
- **Strawberry cleaning** starting next week from 8-10AM everyday.

Next Meeting : September 17th Parish Center. Pat Sekevitch will be facilitator and Karen Thompson will be taking notes.

Submitted by: Pat Sekevitch