

St. Matthews Parish Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015

Present: Ellen Schneider, Becky Montgomery, Sr. Anne Becker, Karen Thompson, Father Adams, Jackie Lackner & Joanne Smith
Absent: Mike Bauer & Mark Thomford

1. The meeting started with a joint meeting of the St. Matthews and St. Michaels parish council members as well as some Our Lady of Guadalupe parish members that Father Adams had invited. Father Adams asked that when we broke up into our individual parish's to meet that we discuss the daily mass schedule and how to modify it so that both he and Father Brinkman would more easily be able to meet the needs of all members of the parish's. We then broke up into separate rooms to meet.
2. Community Dinners.
 - a. The fix it fundraiser with the Forrester's group has been reschedule to November 21, 2015 due to the social hall use scheduling conflicts.
 - b. Saturday October 24, 2015 Father Adams will be installed at St. Matthews as our Pastor. We will have a dinner following the mass.
3. Social Hall Rental
 - a. There is a need for clear policies and procedures for the rental of the hall. Need to have a contract/agreement that is signed by people/groups that want to rent the hall to make sure that all bases are covered, (insurance, clean up, security, etc.).
 - b. The Men's Club has expressed an interest in wanting to be in charge of the social hall rental. They were asked to put together a proposal and get it to the finance council.
4. Adult Enrichment Activities
 - a. Discussion on re-creating adult enrichment and liturgy committee's in the parish again.
 - b. Maybe consider a cluster wide committee to work on setting up adult enrichment opportunities for all three parishes.
 - c. Have someone, possibly Father Steve Adrian, do a session(s) on Pope Francis' visit to the States and the Synod.
5. Oktoberfest Update
 - a. Karen informed that tickets to the dinner were selling slow but that is on par with previous years.
 - b. Yard signs should be available soon to be distributed at weekend masses.
6. Election of New Council Members
 - a. Discussion regarding needing to start the process soon of looking for parishioners who would be willing to sit on the council. Pentecost is the when the change should be occurring.
 - b. Need to determine how many lay council members we need. Current bylaws indicate 9 but with the reduced number of parishioners, do we need 9 or is 7 or 8 sufficient.
7. New Business

- a. There is a new system in place for the automatic withdrawal of the weekend giving and they are unable to add new people into the system at the moment.
 - b. Discussion of daily masses was held. Council members looked at the copies of the survey's that had been distributed at the daily masses recently, to see what the people who are attending those masses had to say about making changes. The survey's seemed to indicate people would be fine with a mass at any of the three churches as long as it is in the early morning.
8. Next joint council meeting will be Thursday October 22, 2015 at 7 pm at St. Matthews Parish Center. Facilitator needs to be decided.