

MINUTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2016

Present: Father Bob Kelly, Becky Montgomery, Sister Anne Becker, Mark Thomford, Jerry Geis, Jackie Lackner, Ellen Schneider, Joanne Smith, and Karen Thompson

Cluster/Transition – We are no longer a clustered parish with OLG. The office staff and equipment have moved to the Parish Center at St. Matthew's. Our church phone number is 651.224.9793. Volunteers are helping get the office organized. Rich Schletty is working on updating our web site with the correct information and linking the bulletin from the publisher.

Joanne reported that the Finance Committee is preparing our annual report for 2015/16 which will be sent out to parishioners next week. The report will cover our income and expenses, as well as an update on programs and organizations. There will be a cover letter from Father Bob announcing the Sunday mass, the Advent and Christmas schedule, and encouraging people to attend St. Matthew's and invite family, friends and neighbors.

The elevator is nearing completion at the school. It is in use by staff and students. Work is being done on completing the bathrooms at the school. The boilers are working at the church and at the Parish Center. Becky reported on Loaves and Fishes, Casa Guadalupana and St. Mary's Clinic.

Grow Plan – We discussed the need to update our plan that was written in 2013. We will have a working session with council members, organization leaders and others to be named on February 4th at St. Matthew's. Details will be worked on after the holidays.

Our next meeting will be January 12th at 6 p.m. In January we will look at meeting dates for the remainder of 2017. The Finance Committee will be meeting the same evening at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Thompson