

## St. Matthew Parish Council Minutes

7 August 2018

Present: Fr. Bob Kabat, Wayne Wichlacz, Dave Dionne, Dick Peters, Clare Schumacher, Matthew Raymaker, Peter Weiss, Ted Phernetton, and Dianna Langner

1. Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 pm. The members, including those new this year, introduced themselves.
2. Minutes of the June, 2018 meeting & tonight's agenda approved.
3. After discussion, the following new officers were proposed and elected: **Chairperson:** Clare Schumacher, **Vice Chairperson:** Dave Dionne, **Secretary:** Dick Peters
4. Discussion of A Church on the Move, chapters 29 and 30 was led by Dick Peters. Chapter 29 recommended that the announcements after Mass be more like altar calls and not just the passing on of information. It encouraged us to use announcements to introduce parish ministries, recognize participants, and encourage new participants. Dave Dionne suggested that the parish could publicize and encourage more participation in our pro life activities, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and rosary. Chapter 30 discussed how much we need to worship and how worship experiences enhance and sustain our relationship with God. More training in the leading of liturgical prayer is a good thing. St. Matt's goal is to teach and mentor praying in a manner that is truly worship. Matthew Raymaker will lead the discussion of Chapters 31 and 32 in September.
5. Parish Mission Planning: The diocese is requiring all parishes to do mission planning. St. Matt's is part of the pilot group and our group came up with parish mission planning goals. These goals were handed out at this meeting and discussed. They will be discussed more deeply at the September meeting with the aim to be getting some over-arching goals with some specific suggestions for ways to begin implementing them. At St. Matt's, "parish" must be a verb and not a "noun", i.e., we are a church on the move.
6. Financial Report 2017-2018: Father Bob handed out and discussed the Financial Report. This helps the parish council know where we are at financially. The picnic did well this year and the parish was able to do roofing on three parish roofs and

not have to borrow money - due to the generous giving towards these emergency projects. The diocese will be having a capital campaign over the next three years called ONE BY ONE. St. Matthew Parish is in the initial wave starting this fall. From the campaign the money raised is divided 50% for the parish and 50% for the diocese. The parish is looking to address immediate needs of the carpet in the Gathering Space and the asphalt in our parking lot and enhance our three endowments; parish, tuition assistance and outreach. More information to follow.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4 September 2018

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Peters  
8 August 2018