

Meeting Notes for September 28, 2023

7:00pm

Present: **Jerald Dosch, Kathy Goldenstein, Phil Grant (ex-officio), Maggie Lee, Anthony Minus, Tara Perron, Ellen Schneider, Karen Thompson (trustee)**

Reflection from Kathy

Welcome to Cristina Czaia, new music liturgist

Status Updates

- **Census** – starts this weekend after Mass, 3 copies of parish roster.
- **Youth Minister** – Still searching, discussed ideas for outreach to candidates
- **Feast of St. Matthew's Activities** – about 50 people @ bingo, about 30 people for Vikings game. Idea of building on that – maybe corn roast, bouya, or music, so people hang out. Discuss ways to attract more COS families. Isaac Garcia (Tara's son) is willing to present to COS students, pitch more school families to get involved. Want to promote Santa breakfast to COS families.
- **Estate Planning** – CCF provides presenter. Goal is to host one event per year. Maybe host a breakfast on a Tuesday or Thursday in November. No date scheduled yet.
- **Parish library** –volunteers logged books and added with labels. Progress is being made step by step. Will want some volunteers to help check out books.
- **West Side Initiative (Karen/Phil)** – Held meeting at Gap. It was a smaller group, but good collaboration. Met Pastor @ St. Elizabeth, grew up on Westside. Lots of ecumenical activities in the past. Good general conversation. Next meeting is planned for Humboldt. Goal is to get to know each other, partner based on relationships. Rebuild connections.
- **Suggestion Mailbox** –Will be installed in next couple weeks.
- **Isaac's blessing bags** – Isaac is starting a Blessing Bags Club @ CDH. Kids are willing to bag up donated items. Isaac will write something up for the bulletin to start promoting.

Listening Report - Received a question about Financial Report – it's due to come out in the mail shortly.

Roof/Solar Panel Update and Consultation – To proceed Phil needs proxy request approvals We need a bigger line of credit to proceed - Will need to draw \$400K plus an additional \$266K

We can get the equivalent of a church rebate. Catholic Finance Corporation has reviewed all the finances and approves. Proxy request approved – facilities committee is moving forward.

Coffee Sunday

- October - Faith Formation is doing October
- November – Parish Council
- December - Rosary Society (Breakfast w/ Santa)
- January – Men’s Club
- February – Open

Reception for Jill Kilzer, retired music minister – We’ll combine with Parish Council’s November Coffee Sunday

Parish Council Retreat Saturday, Nov. 11 - Council members should arrive @ 9:45. We’ll be done by 3pm. Will take place at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church in Mendota Heights.

“Musical Homecoming”– Discussed idea to celebrate Mass where we host a reunion/gathering for people who have been involved in St. Matt’s music - choir members, cantors, etc.

Children’s Liturgy – Starts this weekend. Ellen is making the chapel space work. Myrna is excited. Discussed ways to make the space more appealing.

Steve Adrian will celebrate is 55th ordination anniversary on Dec 8 – Save the date. Let’s discuss ways to celebrate at the next meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday, October 26. Changing the start time to 6:30pm so we’ll end @ 8pm.