

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
1111 West Town and Country Road, Unit 14
Orange, CA 92868

Parish Council Minutes

August 14, 2018
Tuesday 6:30 pm

Attendance:

Victoria Greene (Moderator), Claudia Kilby (Co-moderator), Bill Singleton, Steve Ross, Lou Clancy, Tony Russo, Jasmine Tronco, (Mike Mitchell. Ron Amendola absent)

Non-Council Members in attendance:

Mo Ester Diane Smith, Fr Arturo Querijero, Mo Martha Rogers

Meeting called to order by Victoria at 6:40 pm.

Opening Prayer: Lou- reading from the Galatians 6:2

Minutes: Lou motioned to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Parish Council vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Financial Report -Victoria

- Please see July report. Summary: Checking balance is up, reserve is maintained, extra payment on the mortgage paid in June.
- Question: Can we negotiate a better interest rate on the reserve account? Interest rate is 0.05% at this time.

Ministry Reports

Community Life – Victoria

- Picnic was a success with good attendance. We should do this annually.
- Women's Retreat sign up in the next couple of weeks
- Movie night is "Unbroken" on Aug. 23rd.

Liturgy Ministry - Please review Steve's report

- Summary: Angelica Tronco recruited for committee, \$1300 save by using new chairs instead upholstery old altar chairs, discussion of the prelude before mass, sourcing a new table.

Bereavement Ministry - Please review Tony's report.

- Summary: Healing/reconciliation liturgies continue, healing Rosary and open prayer meetings continue.

Building Ministry –Please review Lou's report.

- Safety is main discussion and will continue as research is done to understand city codes, door options, of best practice procedures to insure the safety of everyone on site.
- Tiles replacement
- Sound suppression doors
- Tony continues on the altar stage refinishing
- Choir area spruce up – possible wiring changes

PR Ministry - Jasmine

- New web site launch coming in the next two weeks, Steve will check on new business cards for Synod in Sept., change of logo on printed material is in the works, including liturgical aides, bulletin, and letterhead.

Social Justice Ministry - Please review Claudia's report.

- Ministry continues to meet and define the scope of 2019's focus for this newly formed group.
- Food donations handle by Bea

Pastoral Reports

Fr Arturo-

- Submitted "Balancing Between Serpents and Dove, with gentleness we correct those who are in opposition...". Discussion followed to determine its meaning to the group.

Mo. Jetty - Please review Mo. Martha's report

- Summary: Detailed review of projects and hours invested by Mo. Martha and Mo. Jetty, an appreciation for donation of chairs to Saint Junia and a report of seminar planned for 2018 Synod.

Mo. Esther Diane - Please review Mo. Diane's report

- Summary: Bereavement Ministry, Bible Study continues; fall Bible Study will cover Hebrews, Liturgy continues with Mary Ann Ekbring and Mo. Jetty. Diaconal Studies program for the ECC, rewrite of Baptism page on new web site and work with Mo. Martha on diagnostic tests for Bp. Peter.

Old Business

1. Community meeting scheduled for Sept.30th between masses at 9:15 to 10:30. Topics to include financials, list of tasks accomplished by PC and clergy.
2. Accountabilities – Parish Council will put any needs in writing.
3. ECC update - Voting and non-voting delegates will concentrate on the Constitution issues that will come up for a vote. Catholic Identity document written for talking points by delegates.
4. Insurance policies for board of directors being researched.
5. Scotty and Friends – We are working on developing the compassionate policy to address the needs of our homeless community. Suggested we use 211 as a source to point to Orange County programs and coordination of care.

New Business

1. Saint Matthew email addresses
2. New Letterhead – discussed in the PR Ministry report.

Lou offered thoughtful closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm