

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

Parish Council Minutes

October 9, 2018
Tuesday 6:30 pm

Attendance:

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

Non-Council Members in attendance:

Mo Ester Diane Smith, Fr Arturo Querijero, Mo Martha Rogers, Mo Jetty Van den Berge, John Deane, Tonya Adams, Kathryn Tuma

Meeting called to order by Victoria at 6:45 pm.

Opening Prayer: Tony

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

Tonya Adams requested time to speak with the council regarding her understanding of the Sept. 30th State of the Church meeting, specifically about the commitment of the council to pay Bp Peter's salary and benefit package through the end of 2018. She wanted to make it understood that she would find it unacceptable to change his agreement on benefits and salary before the end of 2019. Her concern was for the continued support from Saint Matthew for Bp Peter and his family and wanted reassurance from the council that his support would continue into the future.

Discussion continued with comments on the viability of workers compensation and that is an unlikely option as the family wishes Bp Peter to continue working. The question of retro-payments to social security was raised and it was agreed that it should be researched. An explanation that the 2019 budget has not been finalized at this time and the council did not have complete answers to all these concerns. Options are being explored with consultation from Saint Matthew's accountant, Bp Armando Levya, our insurance brokers in a search for best practices for the future care of Bp Peter and continued viability of Saint Matthew. The goal of the council is to be good stewards of the church and to be wise in the discernments that are needed during this time of transition. Council welcomes comments and suggestions and the regular meetings are open to anyone who would like to speak. Please contact Victoria Greene so you can have a spot on the agenda.

John Deane Presented his concerns regarding the budget, including issues of our mortgage payment schedule, the tithing to the ECC, upgrading Bp Peter's medical plan to a PPO, re-defining the meaning of designated funds, 50/50 raffle to be designated as payment on the principle for building mortgage. Please see his written report. The council will take his comments and discern his concerns as we move forward. His suggestion of posting the minutes of the Parish Council and Saint Matthew's budget was supported by the council. Please see his written report. The council welcomes and respects his comments and will discern his comments as we move forward with budget planning for 2019.

Financial Report -Kathryn

- Please see September report. Checking balance is \$25,000, designated funds are \$15,000 and reserve savings are at \$40,000. Our outstanding mortgage is \$232,300 currently. Members serving on the Financial Ministry are: Kathryn Tuma, Tony Russo, Victoria Greene, Mike Mitchell, Susan Kenny, John Deane.

Pastoral Reports

Fr Arturo-

- Rummage Sale sponsored by the Hispanic community is scheduled for Sunday, October 14th with drop-off of donations on Saturday, October 13th after 4 PM. Funds raised from this event are designated for payment on the principle of the building mortgage. There will be food sales sponsored by the Hispanic community on Sunday.

- Thirty-eight students are registered for next years confirmation class with Fr. Arturo.

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

- Bp Peter is schedule for homilies once a month depending on his health.
- Mo Jetty continues with Liturgy weekly.
- Advent retreat is planned for Nov. 17th, 8:30 am – 1 pm.
- Synod presentation of Youth program was a success.

Mo. Esther Diane

- Liturgy Ministry meeting scheduled for Oct. 14
- Presided at mass for Women's Retreat
- Will be serving on California Diocesan Council which is currently forming.

Ministry Reports

Bereavement Ministry - Please review Tony's report.

- Bereavement Ministry's programs are continuing with Mo Diane as Bp Peter heals.
- Bible study begins again on Wed. evenings at 7 pm.
- Rosary at 5:15 pm on Wed. evenings continues.
- Tony challenged PC members and clergy to commit to selling 50/50 tickets outside Saint Matthew as a show of support.

Community Life – Victoria

- Women's Retreat a success
- C L Ministry will meet to plan upcoming Auction
- Plans for "Honey and Jude" performing for Saint Matts After Dark on Nov. 17, 2018. Claudia offered a motion to split the ticket price with the artists (\$10 for artist and \$5 for Saint Matthew). Seconded by Victoria and council voted in favor of motion.
- Thursday night is Movie night – check the bulletin.

Building Ministry –Please review Lou's report.

- Repair List includes floor tile, small door in the community hall
- Refinishing of altar needs scheduling
- Security cameras were discussed with priority for office area
- Sound doors needed if office area is reduced to accommodate confirmation classes.

Stewardship Ministry – Mike

- Schedule for Fall Harvest may be changed - reduce to two Sundays instead of three.
- Speakers include Tony and Lydia Russo; and Steve and Kristen Ross.
- Susie Kinney will be writing a series articles for newsletter.

PR Ministry – no report

Social Justice Ministry - no report

- Meeting scheduled for Oct. 14th between masses.

Education Ministry – no report

Old Business

Sound-board discussion tabled for next meeting.

Closing Prayer offered by Tony

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm