

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

Parish Council Minutes

November 6, 2018
Tuesday 6:30 pm

Attendance:

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

Non-Council Members in attendance:

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.

Opening Prayer: Lou

Lou Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29

Minutes: Lou motioned to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Parish Council vote was unanimous in favor of approval. Minutes posted on the bulletin board.

Next council meeting scheduled for second Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018.

Financial Report -Kathryn

- Kathryn reported a positive and consistent balance sheet with total cash at \$84,875 for the month of October.

Jim Tuma – He requested the council to approve the purchase of a soundboard (\$448) to improve the recordings of the homilies and to help with the choir's presentation of music. An anonymous donation of \$500 was made and this can be allocated to this purchase. Our speakers are still a question that will be addressed at the hookup of the soundboard.

Bill moved we approve the purchase of the soundboard. Steve offered a second and the motion was passed by the council.

John Deane –

- He argued for the upgrade of Bp. Peter's insurance to a PPO plan. Because this is a line item in the budget the council will need to research the cost increase for 2019.
- He wants the ECC tithing to be stopped for the current year and reduced to \$150 per month in the 2019 budget based on extraordinary circumstance of Bp Peter's health issues.
- He reminded Claudia to post the minutes from the Parish Council.

Pastoral Reports

Fr Arturo-

- Rummage Sale and food sale event sponsored by the Hispanic community was a success. The event highlighted the leadership within his community.
- A reunion of families was sponsored through the Mexican Consulate and a member of the Hispanic community, using Saint Matthew as a meeting place. Twenty-nine families participated joining up with their families from Mexico on a short-term visa allowing generations of a family to see each other, sometimes for the first time. The mission of this endeavor allowed the San Mateo community to take a leadership role in organizing and offering service to the broader population. Team building and building trust is needed to strengthen the community and promote our church to a wider audience. The goal is to build a pool of new leadership in the whole community of Saint Matthew for our future success.

Mo. Martha and Mo. Jetty- Please review their report

- Advent preparation is complete and advertizing arranged.

- The Harvest/Thanksgiving preparation is done. Saint Matthew is the host of this event shared with Holy Trinity and Our Saviors in an ecumenical service. Adelia Sandoval is participating in the service by delivering the homily.
- We continue to develop the Youth Ministry and attended the formation meeting of the California Diocese.
- A meeting of the clergy on Thursday evening will discuss issues and events from the 2018 Synod.

Mo. Esther Diane – please review the full report

- The Bible study on Hebrews continues through Thanksgiving and Bereavement Support Group continues on the 3rd Sunday after mass.
- The Liturgy Ministry team continues to organize the material needed for mass.
- Bereavement Ministry Team will be headed by Tony Russo to help with the organization of funeral masses.
- Liturgy team is planning for the transition from Thanksgiving to Advent environment.
- Saint Cyprian Diaconal classes continue with Fr. Nick Del Los Reyes next Friday evening.

Ministry Reports

Building Ministry –Please review Lou’s report.

- Refurbishing of the alter discussed.
- Tiles still on list for repair.
- Working on the chair arrangement in the sanctuary for safety of handicapped parishioners.
- Research of pricing of security cameras for the building continues.
- Weight on the second floor structure needs attention. Suggested this may be a project for the newly formed Men’s Group.
- Gold chairs scheduled for pick-up by a salvage company.
- Discussed the need for drawings of preferred set-up for tables in community room and sanctuary.

Education Ministry – Review Bill’s report.

- Fall education series planned with Tony and MerryBattaglia, Eleanor Zatyko and myself on Catholic Mysticism.

Social Justice Ministry - Review Claudia’s report.

- WSWA identified and a one year commitment to donate food the their food bank. Bea Tiritilli is the contact.
- Ned Bradley contact person for Interfaith Shelter network.
- Calendar for this ministry discussed along with thematic drives to support interest in the mission.

Stewardship Ministry – Mike

- Stewardship drive to continue through November with special homilies from guest speakers.
- Susie Kinney wants tax benefits mention to the community.

Community Life – Victoria

- Pumpkin pies arranged for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Mass on Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- Clean-up list needed for folks helping with cleanup in the community room.

PR Ministry – Mike

- Mike will follow up on the text needed for tri-fold brochure in development. Project has been underwritten by a community member. Justin Viega is new chairperson for the ministry.

Jim Tuma suggested we look for a truck donation for the church to help with projects at Saint Matthew.

Closing Prayer offered by Lou

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Minutes: Claudia Kilby