

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

Parish Council Minutes

July 7, 2019
Tuesday 6:30 pm

Attendance:

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

Non-Council Members in attendance:

Mo. Diane Smith, Bob Morano, Fr. Arturo, Kathryn Tuma, John Deane, Jennie Guida, Fr. Paul Chanapa

Call to order by Victoria Greene at 6:38 pm

Prayer from Lou

Minutes: May meeting minutes need to be approved via email response. Minutes were approved with a majority vote from the council by email.

June Minutes were approved with a motion by Lou and a second by Tony. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report -Victoria Greene and Finance Ministry - Please see report

- Auction made approximately \$4403.00
- Liquid cash for June is reported at \$44,393.00
- Savings from Fr. Bala's temporary salary, reduction in health insurance costs for Kathryn and rent arrears paid up this month help helped to reduce our out going expenditures this month.
- Question regarding an improved way to keep the financial records was raised. Bob Morano reported

Pastoral Reports

Mo. Diane Smith – Please see report

- Continued ministry work on bereavement, presiding at mass as scheduled, preparation of Presider's book, decoration the sanctuary, and liturgy team.

Fr. Arturo – Please see report

- Monthly meetings with parents and God-parents of catechumens
- Funeral Services have expanded to include Saint Matthew outside the monopoly of RC Diocese of Orange.
- Community outreach focused on Peru and Mexico presenting the ECC to many communities.
- Participation in JPIC through participation in outreach organizations
- Stewardship defined by what measure?

Mo. Martha and Mo, Jetty – please see report

- Thomas Merton series continues, Liturgy work by Jetty, Sunday school, pastoral visits and connecting with visitors attending 10:30 masses.
- We hosted Fr. Gianni and hosted two dinners so community members could meet him.

Fr. Paul Chinnapa– Please see full report

- Presentation of Vision and Mission of ECC for Indian Catholics and Christians at Saint Matthew
- Out reach through website, newspaper, social media focused on people from India to join in community with Saint Matthew

Motion by Steve (?) - Parish Council to approve the start of Indian Mission at Saint Matthew administered by Fr. Paul. Seconded by Bill.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote by the council.

Presentation by Bob Morano in Building research

- Research the area around and including Saint Matthew for building departments plans for the future. No immediate changes for the complex where we reside.

- Mortgage terms are due to conclude in 2027. Concern for a balloon payment at the end of the term to pay off principle. Kathryn reported that this outcome was unlikely because the loan is listed as an asset in a trust.
- Update the way we keep our financial records for best practices and clarification of reports.
- Bob suggested a “Go fund Me Page” to collect funds for paying the principle of the mortgage.
- Write a grant to help with the mission of Saint Matthew
- Re-write the loan documents to avoid a distressed sale at the end term of the loan.
- Research the CC&R for the complex to clarify the rules regarding the sale of the property if an developer is interested in a purchase. Join the board for the association of the complex.
- Generally be prepared with advance information and a contingency plan for one of several possible outcomes for the Saint Matthew building to preserve our community and its assets.
- Bob will continue his research and report back to the Parish council and community with information and insight.

Ministry Reports

Please read all reports submitted from the ministry teams. There were no additions to written reports and no requests requiring a vote or action from the council.

Bill offered a reading form “Jesus Today” by Sarah Young.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes: Claudia Kilby