

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

## Parish Council Minutes

August 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, Victoria Anderson

### **Non-Council Members in attendance:**

Bp. Peter Hickman, Mirella Hickman, Kathryn Tuma, Doris Hand, Tammy Fuqua, Alberta, Mo. Diane Smith, Bob Morano, Fr. Arturo, Mo. Martha, Mo. Jetty

### **Call to order by Victoria Greene at 6:41 pm**

### **Opening prayer and verse – Lou Clancy**

### **Approval of July Minutes:**

### **Presentation by Doris Hand regarding Saint Matthew's laity vote to join Diocese of California**

- Doris proposed that a meeting should be called with Bp. Armando to explain his vision for the Diocese of California before a vote to join the diocese by the Saint Matthew community is held. Concerns expressed are differences in values by the collective communities of the diocese. Specific concerns listed are women's ordination to the priesthood, and acceptance of LGBGT parishioners, and catholic identity; as expressed by the ecumenical and roman models.
- Parish Council will invite Bp. Armando to meet with the community.

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

- Checking balance as of 7-31-19 reported at \$12,478. Saving reserve is \$65,464. Cuts to the budget at the beginning of the year seem to be working. The budget will continue to be monitored for future trends.

### **Bp. Peter Pastoral Report**

- Bp. Peter presented an outline titled "The Local Church" where he outlined the responsibilities and duties of the community, the clergy and the pastor.
- Bp. Peter shared his pastoral letter he posted to the community.
- Bp. Peter presented the Parable of the Great Feast from Luke 14: 7-24.

### **Responsible housekeeping**

Victoria Greene reminded us that it is everyone's responsibility to clean up sacramental wine and vessels after their use for services. Candles left burning in the building after their intended use is a safety hazard. Chairs can be repositioned based on a chart in the sacristy. Please keep the sacristy clean and organized.

### **Parish Council membership numbers**

Tony and Mike will soon not be able to vote on the council once they are ordained as Deacons. We need to discuss the option to lower the membership on the council from 9 to 7 due to lower membership numbers in the community. Discuss at the next meeting.

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**

- Due to the length of previous discussions all agenda items will be forwarded to Tuesday's meeting on September 10, 2019.

Minutes: Claudia Kilby