

Education Ministry Meeting Minutes – Jun 2020

Members – Council: Tonya Adams, Bertie Ninichuch

Clergy: Mother Martha, Mother Jetty, Deacon Tony Russo, Deacon Tammy Fuqua

Laity/Community: none

Group Meets the first Thursday of the month via ZOOM.

Meeting Date: Monday, 6/29/2020, 6:00 PM ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Date of next meeting: (Tentative) Monday, 8/06/2020, 6:00 PM ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Objectives: Provide Saint Matthew's members and surrounding communities with opportunities to increase faith, knowledge, and awareness.

Mission statement: Children's education and adult education mission statements coming soon. Mother Martha will provide the children's education mission statement and will work with Deacon Tony to create the adult education mission statement.

The following is the mission statement for the Youth Group.

The Saints of Saint Matthew Youth Group is a ministry of youth, ages 13 to 18, gathered together in the unity of Christ. Through the love of God, prayer and use of our minds, hearts, and talents, we help our community, provide service to others, and have fun.

General comments: Today's meeting was the first meeting since March and was a virtual meeting because of Covid-19 concerns.

Mo. Martha discussed the "family movie nights" 12-week program she planned. Mo. Martha asked members of St. Matthew that represent five of the diverse cultures in the church to select movies to view. Mo. Martha and Jetty will use their home for the movie program. Dinner and discussion will follow the movie each week.

Adult Ed: Mo. Martha draft schedule for adult education classes extends into next year. The plan was for live classes, but classes can be virtual. These classes are separate from the virtual Bible Study classes taught by Mo. Martha on Mondays and the Wednesday night classes (continuing in September) taught by Mo. Diane.

Mo. Martha shared that Mo. Diane is planning four classes on the governance of St. Matthew. These classes will be held in advance of the community vote on whether to join the ECC Southern California Diocese.

Mo. Martha stated that we should hold the classes as part of adult education and, if possible, during the normal between the Masses time slot.

Deacon Tony stated that we must make sure the community knows the classes are not like other optional adult ed and that all St. Matthew members should make every effort to attend or watch the classes. The classes should be live (if possible), virtual, and recorded to make sure all St. Matthew members who want to attend or view the classes are able.

Tonya and Deacon Tony stated that planning of these classes is not part of adult ed and that Mo. Diane should work with the clergy council and the parish council. Mo. Martha stated that it should be part of adult education.

Deacon Tammy suggested getting in touch with Fr. Toting to see if he had adult education classes to present. Mo. Jetty said she will speak to Fr. Toting. Deacon Tammy also mention that Clergy & Laity Unified for Social Justice (CLUSJ) is still interested in presenting a class. The CLUSJ is one group suggested in a previous Education Ministry meeting as a "MeetUp" Adult Ed/ Community Discussion event.

Mo. Martha stated that in January, she and Fr. Jon will conduct a Wednesday night bible study on the Gospel of Mark and the African influence found in the text.

Youth Group (YG): Kelly Querijero sent requests for help with the twice monthly food drive to youth group participants. Joshua is supporting the (in person) food drive. So far, Ashley and Mark are the only youth members showing up for the food drive. Tonya will provide Deacon Tammy and Joshua the last few sign-in sheets with phone numbers so Deacon Tammy and Joshua can call members to ask for help. Mark was suggested as someone to help phone YG members.

Tonya purchased T-shirts to donate to the youth group to wear when they are engaged in St. Matthew activities and services.

Tonya will work with Deacon Tammy and Joshua to set up a virtual outreach to the youth group. Deacon Tony suggested a virtual talent show. The education ministry team plans to get information with the YG by 12 July.

Children's Ed: Bertie discussed the contents of an email she sent Tonya which suggested that the children's Ed team reach out to St. Matthew's children virtually and create an online class to replace the discontinued (because of covid-19 concerns) in-person Sunday class. Bertie also suggested that the team create regular (maybe weekly) social media post for the children similar to the what the clergy does on Facebook. Mo. Martha suggested keeping classes to 30 minutes, sending class material to students, and recording zoom classes.

Tonya suggested pre-recording the classes and encouraging families to have children watch immediately after the family view St. Matthew virtual Mass.

Bertie will as Mark Querijero to do a music video for the children's class.

Mo. Martha will send Susan a request to have CPRM send a blast email about the virtual class to the community. After sending email blast to the community, the class information will be added to the end of the 8:00 and 10:30 Mass announcements. Mo. Martha will ask Fr. Arturo to make an announcement at the end of the 12:30 Mass. Mo. Martha will make a flyer each week for class. Tonya will look into adding the flyer to the education ministry web page. In response to Deacon Tony's suggestion that we set dates for next steps, Mo. Martha will have email sent the first week of July and plan to start classes mid July.

Mo. Jetty suggested two teachers teach the virtual class. Deacon Tammy's return to work will impact her availability.