

Saint Matthews Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

A Zoom – online meeting

1. Opening Prayer –

Bishop Peter Hickman

2. Roll & Quorum determination -

Name:	Pres or Abs
Bob Morano (Moderator)	Present
Adams, Tonya	Present
Crisantos, Stephany	Present
Cruz, Joshua	Excused
Doyle-Sandoval, Mariah	Present
Guida, Jennie	Present
Lopez, Rosa Isela	Present
Morano, Susan	Present
Ninichuck, Bertie	Present
Ottone, Remo	Present
Smith, Sharon	Present

Other attendees: (List based on historical attendees)

Name	In Attendance	Name	In attendance
John Deane	Present	Mother Martha Rogers	Present
Doris Hand	Present	Mother Jetty	Present
Katie & Nancy Henry		Paul Schumaker	
Mirella Hickman	Present	Mo. Diane Smith	Present
Deacon Tony Russo	Present	Bea Tiritilli	
Deacon Tammy Fuqua	Present	Deacon Adelia Sandoval	Present
Peter	Present	Mary Anne Hoisington	Present

3. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

Old Business from previous PC meetings:

4.1 Financial report for September 2020.

By Bob Morano

4.1.1 There will be a budgeting meeting tomorrow 10/21 and Father Arturo will be present. The discussion touched upon several successful gift campaigns that should result in contributions for Saint Matthew Church. The September finances were \$5,500 negative. One of the worst month's we have had thus far. We need to have a substantial drive for pledges this year. We can not sustain another year like this one.

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There are three to five donations per week that come from through the website. Deacon Tammy reported \$1,200 contribution from her birthday fund raiser. Father Arturo has resumed presiding at funerals which should bring us in some needed additional funds.

4.2 Food donations/collections for the WSWA

4.2.1 The drive for food has been successful and it also has been moved into the church. If anyone wants to contribute, they should bring food by the sanctuary. There arose an issue with boxes. Susan offered that we can contribute some boxes to the church to organize the food into boxes. There was some debate on taking collections inside the church versus outside in the parking lot. Tammy will talk with Bea and get us a final decision.

4.3 Synod participation Report by the attendees: Father Arturo and delegates

- 4.3.1 Run the PowerPoint developed by Stephany Done
- 4.3.2 Synod will have a separate zoom meeting on Friday evening. Bob to send out the Synod recaps sent to him by Jennie Guida.

4.4 Saint Matthew Building Sign (facing Town and Country) Latest vote count: Bob M.

4.4.1 The vote was sent to over 30 people. Fourteen turned in their ballot. The leader was sign #8 which has both the Crucifix and the Logo. There continues to be resistance to accepting the results of the vote. Bob asked John to get us a quote on getting the sign fixed. Debate again arose over the content of the sign and the use of the “All are Welcome” phrase. John Deane volunteered to take it over from here.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Proposal/Motion to make Susan Morano Acting Assistant Moderator for the balance of 2020 Discussion lead by Bob Morano

A discussion/vote to make Susan Morano as Acting Assistant Moderator. She has been basically doing the job for most of the year. The remaining responsibility is to orient the new incoming council. A proposal was put before the council. It was submitted and seconded. **The proposal passed unanimously.**

5.2 New Method to submit CPRM Request Discussion lead by Susan Morano

Analysis of 2020 requests and changes for making requests. Susan discussed how and why this page was developed. We want to show respect for the people doing the work. Susan demonstrated the new web page which will be used to submit requests. The “Submit” page will automatically route the requests to the correct person.

5.3 Council 2021 Discussion lead by Bishop Peter and Father Arturo

Results of nominations were sent to Bishop Peter and Father Arturo. We need a total of 5 new members to replace those who are spooling off. Father Arturo has spoken to through the list. He spoke to members of the other communities. Anita, wants to represent the Asian Indian community. Father Arturo also spoke to Ana who was a council member will represent the Hispanic Community. He

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recapped that he has four for the Spanish Speaking community. The next step is for that same process to be done with the English-Speaking Community. Peter had nothing to report.

5.4 Discussion of SJO objectives

Father Arturo

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH

It was reported that these statements were approved by the social justice outreach ministry with “political” word removed.

- **To create and support organizations and activities that serve our brothers and sisters in need.**
- **To participate with organizations that promote equal economic, and social rights and opportunities.**
- **To promote solidarity with each other and our community, respect the dignity of others, and care for God’s creation.**

5.4 Budget 2021 Finance and Stewardship

Discussion lead by Bob Morano

Mirella, and Kathryn please get prepared for building the 2021 Budget. Per our current constitution, all ministry chairpersons should submit a budget to the finance committee for inclusion in the budget development process. Now is the time. We will build a monthly budget because that does a better job on the timing of both revenues and expenses. We will try to improve on documenting the assumptions so that they can be more self-explanatory. Expenses will be completed first and we will finalize the budget after the stewardship drive results are in. We will also discuss the Stewardship appeal. We discussed getting input from all the ministries. Specific numbers would be best but concepts of spending will help. **Ministry chair people are hereby requested to email anything they know about their expenses to Bob as Soon as Possible.**

We discussed the Streaming of Sunday services on Facebook. We need a new Wi-Fi Router to take advantage of the Gigabit internet that the church pays for. We need to replace the Belkin. Jetty is researching new equipment. Get costs for a replacement Wi-Fi router.

5.5 Discussion of 2021 Fund Raising Plans

Discussion Lead by Jennie Guida

Jennie said that “What you are thankful for” community life event is going well. Jennie liked the new PC Orientation Handbook.

Questions, Feedback, Discussion from non-council members.

Jennie discussed a fund-raising idea from the Synod. The participants contribute \$50 in January. Each month throughout the year there would be a \$100 winner. The buy in price is for 100 tickets. Therefore, gross is \$5,000. With a \$100 winner each month there would be \$1,200 paid out to the winners. That leaves \$3,800 to be used by the parish. Susan and Mariah suggested having a child make the drawing for the winner. Select the children from all of the services.

Jenny has some items left to us by previous parishioners. It was suggested that we sell them using the “Offer Up.” Application which does not take a cut. Mary Anne H. spoke to using Offer Up and she has had some recent

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successes. People should look into “Offer Up” to make the final determination. In the description of the item we can put in “Proceeds would benefit Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church”.

Jennie made a case for designating funds in the budgeting process. Designated funds are not part of what is used for determining contribution for the ECC.

Jennie was looking for ideas on Restaurants to get a date to participate in the proceeds. Certain restaurants will allow charitable organizations to participate in the proceeds. Ruby’s was mentioned, and Rubio’s was mentioned.

Bob discussed a meal with the outgoing council. After the discussion it was decided that it was not a good idea due to Covid-19 risk.

Based on a lack of communication with other ecumenical parishes we deduce that we are on our own for Thanksgiving.

Adjournment –

Closing Prayer –

Father Arturo Querijero