

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

Parish Council Minutes

February 12, 2019
Tuesday 6:30 pm

Attendance:

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

Non-Council Members in attendance:

Bp. Peter Hickman, Fr. Bala Madan, Mo. Martha Rogers, Mo. Jetty Van Den Berge, Tonya Adams, John Deane, Kathryn Tuma

Call to order by Victoria Greene at 6:33 pm

Welcome to Tonya Adams. Social Justice and Outreach Ministry Liaison to San Mateo

Tonya brought to our attention the need to build bridges between the San Mateo community and the Saint Matthew community. San Mateo offers food as a fundraiser the 2nd Sunday of each month and reminded us that we should make an effort to participate. We offered that we need announcements to remind us of the up coming food event. Tonya suggested we participate with San Mateo in the food event this spring (not Mother's Day or Fathers Day Sundays). Doris Hand will help Tonya to facilitate communications with her Spanish speaking skills. It has also been noted that we need to create a San Mateo page on our web site.

Prayer offered by Victoria Anderson

Bible reading: 1st Peter 4: 8-10 by Victoria Anderson

Minutes: Motion by Lou with a second from Mike to approve the January minutes. Vote for approval was unanimous.

Financial Report -Kathryn and Victoria G.- Please see report

Checking account for January is \$9,428 with saving reserve at \$67,293. Designated funds add \$12,055 to the total savings bringing the total to \$79,349. Our liability represented by the mortgage is \$226,954.

Victoria G. announced we will have a guest homilist, Fr. Gianni Passarella in February accompanied by Bp. Armando.

Old Business

1. Constitution and Bylaws – Regarding Bylaw VI, “B”
It was discussed that we are good with the Finance Ministry proposing language for this section with a possible ad-hoc sub-committee created for review. By leaving 90 days for review we have a goal of a vote in May 2019.
Action Item – A small group will go over and review possible language for the “TBD”, VI, B in the bylaws. Group may include Steve Ross, Mike Mitchell, Victoria Greene, Fr. Arturo and Merry Battaglia.
2. Business Cards/Email
Working in conjunction with Kathryn, we will work towards a uniform email address for the different people/departments at Saint Matthew and San Mateo that can be forwarded to each individual's personal email address. This option may make it easier and consistent when people change their areas of responsibility in the church while keeping the public contacts consistent.
3. Dashboard Proposal made by Brett to do strategic planning for Saint Matthew.
 - Through discussion in target listening groups we should be able to create a picture of Saint Matthew's top 7 strengths and 7 areas on which to focus. Possible listening groups would include Parish Council, Clergy, parishioners without PC or clergy, youth groups, San Mateo or other groups to facilitate data collection.
 - Dashboard can be used to help a membership ministry define its mission and goals.
 - Clarify how we present our mission to the outside community. With new developments in our geographic area we may have an opportunity to serve the surrounding population.

- Along with volunteers Victoria Greene will help facilitate the sessions with Brett. Each session will target about 12 participants in each group.
- Membership Ministry may be an outgrowth of this research. Agreed that this issue should continue to be placed on the agenda for further discussion.
- Membership work can be continued with clergy contacting and ministering to members who have not continued to attend regularly. (This could be the responsibility of all members at Saint Matthew.)

New Business

1. California Diocese
Saint Matthew's constitution states that our membership in the California Diocese needs to be voted on by the members of Saint Matthew. Bp. Peter needs to attend the meetings. Fr. Arturo makes the point that the diocese as a member of the ECC is not a Roman Catholic Diocese.
2. Smile Amazon has been identified as a potential program to collect donations for Saint Matthew by encouraging our members to sign up with Smile when they order products and services from Amazon.
Action: Motion offered by Victoria Anderson to go forward with promoting this program through web site, bulletin and announcements. Steve offered the 2nd and a unanimous vote by the council approval the motion.

Ministry Reports

Community Life – Victoria Greene

Auction scheduled for June 22nd with Mexican food. Whiskey tasting is possible one week before.

No changes from the last report in January.

Building Ministry – Lou

- Please see the complete report. Table map is coming to help people return table and chairs to the normal configuration.

Social Justice and Outreach Ministry – Claudia

- Please see complete report

Stewardship Ministry – Mike

- 2019 Spring Ministry Fair scheduled for Sunday June 9th.

Men's Group- Brett

- Irvine's Landscape renewal project completed.

Bereavement Ministry Report - Tony

- Review the complete report

Pastoral Reports

Bp. Peter

- Saint Matthew is a noble endeavor, creating something new by governing a church with a constitution relevant to the times. This constitution makes Saint Matthew a "Distinctive Catholic Church" because it is different from similar churches. It is a living document that needs to be reviewed and revised for completion.

Mo. Martha and Mo. Jetty-

- Please review their complete report.

Closing Prayer offered by Victoria Anderson

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Closed session to follow.

Minutes: Claudia Kilby