

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2020
SAINT MATTHEW ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Meeting called to order at 6:46 pm by Mariah Doyle-Sandoval, host of Zoom online meeting. Bishop Peter opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attendance

Council Members: Mariah Doyle-Sandoval, Tonya Adams, Stephany Crisantos, Jennie Guida, Sharon Smith, Joshua Cruz, Rosa Isela Lopez, Lydia Russo, Doris Hand, Polly Touhey, Anitha Madanu, Ana Diaz

Non-Council Members: Bishop Peter Elder Hickman, Mother Diane Smith, Deacon Tammy Fuqua, Deacon Adelia Sandoval, Deacon Tony Russo, Father Arturo Querijero, Mother Jetty van den Berghe, Mirella Hickman, Paul Schumaker, John Deane, Alberta Ninichuck, and Bob Morano.

3. Opening Remarks

All were asked to read Roberts Rules of Order and to be familiar with them, found at this url: <https://bizfluent.com/how-5873965-meeting-minutes-robert-s-rulesorder.html>.

Meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

All council members were asked to be present at each meeting, respect each other by being on time, and be fully engaged in listening.

Decisions and Votes

- Jennie Guida moved that the minutes of the November 10, 2020 be approved. Lydia Russo seconded it. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**
- Tonya Adams moved that the church sign be tabled until more funds are available to move forward with it. Josh Cruz seconded it. **Passed with a majority. None opposed.**
- Jennie Guida moved that we proceed with the fund-raiser drawing to sell 50 tickets at \$50 each by February 28, 2021. Tickets will continue to be sold until we reach the goal of 100. The person selling the most tickets, will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Lazy Dog Restaurant courtesy of Jennie. Doris Hand seconded it. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**
- Jennie Guida moved to nominate Tonya Adams as chair of the Parish Council and Mariah Doyle-Sandoval as assistant chair. Sharon Smith seconded it. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**
- Rosa Isela Lopez moved to change the meeting time of the Parish Council to 7pm. Josh Cruz seconded it. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**

4. Approve Minutes from November meeting: Approved (see above under decisions and votes.)

5. Old Business:

- 5.1 Church Sign: John Deane proposed that work on the sign be tabled until there are more funds available. The word "old" will be removed from the sign. Sharon Smith asked the cost of changes with the sign. It is about \$3,000. Tonya moved that work on the sign be tabled until more funds are available to proceed. Josh Cruz seconded it. **Passed with a majority. None opposed.**

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5.2 2021 New Year Resolution Drawing: Jennie Guida proposed selling 100 tickets at \$50.00 each to raise \$3,800 for Saint Matthew. At a drawing on the last Sunday of the month \$100 would be awarded the winning ticket. Fifty tickets need to be sold by Feb. 28, and will continue to be sold until the goal of 100 is reached. The first drawing will be on February 28, 2021. Two drawings would be held in December, the first the Sunday before Christmas and the second the Sunday after Christmas. Each ticket will be placed in the drawing each month, even if the ticket won. Tonya Adams suggested that the \$100 monthly award be retained, that a minimum of 50 tickets be sold by Feb. 28, 2021, and that tickets continue to be sold until the goal of 100 is reached. Records would be kept and if 50 tickets were not sold, money would be refunded. If each parish council member and each clergy person sold 4 tickets the goal would be reached.

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Doris Hand suggested that winners of the drawing who are financially stable and do not need the \$100 might consider offering it to a member of the Spanish speaking community who had lost a job. Fr. Arturo could furnish the names of those families in that situation. The names could be placed in a hat and one name drawn for each \$100 available.

6. New Business:

6.1 Choose a Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson: Jennie Guida nominated Tonya Adams for Chairperson and Mariah Doyle-Sandoval for assistant chairperson. Both Tonya and Mariah agreed to serve.

Jennie Guida moved to nominate Tonya Adams as chair of the Parish Council and Mariah Doyle-Sandoval as assistant chair. Sharon Smith seconded it. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**

6.2 Requirements of Parish Council members:

- Each Parish Council member needs to participate in a Ministry and attend its meeting once a month. In January each member will advise what Ministry was selected.
- If a voting item is on the Parish Council agenda and a member cannot make the meeting, the proxy for the member not attending is to be given to another Parish Council member.
- Parish Council members are asked to commit to 1 night a month for 2 hours. If this cannot be fulfilled along with Parish Council duties, the member can become an alternate, with no judgment. Alternates will have minimum participation.
- Tonya strongly suggested that all Parish Council members read the existing Constitution and familiarize themselves with it. The new Constitution, being worked on by the Constitution Committee, will be presented shortly for the Parish Council to vote on.
- The Parish Council will continue the goal of being transparent to the whole community.
- Parish Council members are asked to read the emails of the draft Parish Council meeting agenda and the final one.

6.3 New Parish Council Orientation:

Fr. Arturo asked that Parish Council members read the guidelines from Susan Morano and follow the

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work ethic from Bob Morano in handling things. Fr. Arturo and Bishop Peter want to be more active in preparing the agenda for P.C. meetings. Josh Cruz was asked to fill in for Oscar Andrade who left the Council. Josh's first year as a member begins in 2021. The task of building Saint Matthew is the work of all ministries, not just the pastors. Each task, whether catechesis, social justice, selling tickets, and doing Parish Council business, all is building community. In working together an experience may not be positive. When that happens charge it to community building and do not take it personally. Bob and Susan Morano laid a foundation last year in their work ethic and how they related to people. The P.C. of 2021 is called to continue this. The Parish Council retreat topic is Christ-Like Leadership.

- 6.4 Deacon Tony asked each P.C. member to respect each other's time, coming on time, and participating. Be careful what you might say outside the council meeting, what you agree to, and what you text or email to someone outside the community.

Deacon Tony asked that each P.C. member introduce themselves with how long at Saint Matthew, what brought you to Saint Matthew, and/or why you joined the P.C.

Introductions were given by each P.C. member and observers.

- 6.5 January meeting and Retreat: Doris Hand advised that in past years there was no P.C. meeting in January because of the P.C. retreat. With the upcoming ticket selling for the raffle and the situation Saint Matthew is in, the P.C. needs to have a meeting (Jan. 12) and also the retreat. The retreat would be a two-hour commitment on zoom. The members were agreeable to both. Tonya suggested that Fr. Arturo, Mariah, and Doris meet to set a date for the retreat.
- 6.6 P.C. meeting time: Rosa Isela Lopez advised that she has a class from 6 pm to 7 pm and would like the P.C. meeting time to start at 7pm. Josh Cruz also advised this would be better for his time schedule.

Rosa Isela Lopez moved to change the meeting time of the Parish Council to 7pm. Josh Cruz seconded it. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**

- 6.7 ECC Truth and Reconciliation Committee Information:
Tonya Adams has been a member of the ECC Truth and Reconciliation Committee headed by Joan Crawford who spoke at the Synod. The Committee decided to show a film every month on the second Wednesday followed by a discussion with ECC members nationally. On Jan. 13, 2021 the film will be "I Am Not Your Negro." Tonya asked every P.C. member to attend. When the film series ends, Tonya wants to restart education meetings at Saint Matthew. After reading a book, a discussion would follow. Tonya has some books in mind on racism.

Christmas Decorating: Sharon Smith called for help to do Christmas decorating of the church on Monday Dec. 21, from 8 am to 3 pm. Text Sharon if you are available.

Bishop Peter offered the closing prayer and blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes prepared on December 28, 2020.