

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 13, 2021
SAINT MATTHEW ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The zoom meeting was called to order by Moderator Tonya Adams at 7:04 pm.

Opening Prayer was given by Bishop Peter Hickman.

Roll & Quorum Determination:

Parish Council Members Present: Tonya Adams, Mariah Doyle-Sandoval, Joshua Cruz, Jennie Guida, Rosa Isela Lopez, Sharon Smith, Doris Hand, Polly Touhey, Anitha Madanu, and Ana Diaz.

Council members absent: Stephany Crisantos and Lydia Russo. Lydia emailed her proxy to Mariah for Mariah to vote on the items in the agenda for Lydia.

Non-council members: Bishop Peter Hickman, Mirella Hickman, Fr. Arturo Querijero, Fr. Chinnappa Madanu, Mother Esther Diane Smith, Mother Martha Rogers, Mother Jetty van den Berghe, Deacon Tammy Fuqua, Deacon Tony Russo, Paul Schumaker, Deacon Adelia Sandoval, John Deane, and Remo Ottone.

A quorum is present for the meeting.

Decisions and Votes:

Tonya moved that the June Parish Council minutes be approved with the two modifications. Jennie seconded the motion. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**

Tonya moved that the Parish Council approve the revised Saint Matthew Constitution with the following changes: 1) The title of Appendix B will include the word “church” to read “A Brief History of Saint Matthew Church’s Inclusivity.” 2) In the section on the history of the church, include a reference to Appendix B; and 3) In the section on Sacraments, Appendix B is changed to Appendix C. Polly seconded the motion. **Passed unanimously. None opposed.**

Approve minutes of prior meeting:

Brother Christopher graciously did the minutes for us. Two changes are needed: Rebecca Stevens was not present. Her name will be removed from the list. Normally, a summary of the motions passed follows attendance. That will be kept and added to the minutes. When these changes are made, the minutes will be posted on the website.

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Old Business from Previous Meetings

Finance Report from Deacon Tony Russo:

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The month of June had a net loss of \$1,100 because of adding the positions of musician and videographer. The cash position stayed the same. Tithing is staying strong. Jason Adams changed the filters in the air-conditioning, a big improvement.

Saint Matthew Constitution:

Formatting and Cleanup

The revised Constitution was presented at the June meeting with a request for volunteers to format it. Kath Wenzel volunteered, as this is her work. In formatting she found some problems and made changes. The changes removed extra spaces and corrected punctuation. The By-laws and Constitution were together and Kath separated them. In the title, "and By-laws" was removed. Title will only read Parish Constitution, Revised Draft 6/6/2021, Formatted 7/8/21. The formatting date is needed as substantial information.

Kath found the following errors. In the Historic section a reference to Appendix B; yet it was not referenced anywhere else in the document. In the Sacraments section Appendix B is shown instead of Appendix C. This needs to be changed. In the section relation to Clergy, the word "Pastor" needs to be deleted.

Tonya suggested the Constitution be approved as presented in the June meeting with the corrected changes. The formatted Constitution will be presented at the August meeting.

Revised Constitution Vote:

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When the formatted Constitution is approved, it needs to be presented to the community to vote on it. Community education about the Constitution needs to be done as it calls for nominations from the community for new parish council members. Sharon suggested that education can be done when the Constitution is presented to the community. New members are voted on in November.

In a discussion about the relationship to the national ECC, Fr. Arturo pointed out that Saint Matthew Church can be a member of the ECC as a prelature instead of autocephalous catholic church. When the formatted Constitution is approved defining ourselves, then we set the amount to go to the ECC.

The Clergy Council needs to vote on new formatted Constitution and By-laws. The next step after the Constitution's approval, the Clergy Council needs to find a candidate for auxiliary bishop. Note: The auxiliary bishop does not automatically become bishop.

As soon as we have the formatted version finished, copies made, a meeting between the Masses needs to be scheduled to present it. Fr. Arturo suggested it is good to explain the process the committee went

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thru to create the Constitution. Representatives in the committee did solicit input from the community during the COVID quarantine time.

Monitors as Liturgical Aide

Correction on Jim Tuma's salary: During the Finance Ministry meeting, Kathryn advised that the May minutes show the discussion incorrectly stated that Jim Tuma was paid \$400 amonth to operate the monitors during the 10:30 Mass. Actually, Jim was paid \$50 per week, amounting to \$200 or \$250 depending on the number of Sundays in a month.

A discussion at the last PC meeting to pay Matthew Hickman \$50 per week to do the monitors was table until the July meeting. The council deemed the discussion unnecessary, since Matthew is no longer available.

The Liturgical Aide is formatted into a power point to be put on screen and displayed on monitors. Polly asked for a study of the power point versus a liturgical aide. Also, a study re the copier lease as opposed to a printer to buy. Mother Jetty advised Jim used a special cable to connect lap top with monitors. Mimi furnishes the content of the aide. Deacon Tammy volunteered to put the info into a power point. We need to look for a young person to volunteer to do this ministry.

New Business:

Community Meeting and Constitution Change

Need to set a date to present to the community between the Masses. In presenting, explain the three-legged stool idea and the role of the auxiliary bishop. To cover everything in a meeting between the Masses, we need several weeks. It is helpful to have lay people who were on the Constitution Committee be present. Need to explain how the parish council operates. This can be a time to create interest for new parish council members.

Pastor Report

June's financial report was a hiccup in finances. We are making great steps in building Saint Matthew for future generations. Bringing people together, trusting in one another and developing different stages of communication. Clergy Council is building up all. The Spanish Clergy are meeting and have much enthusiasm for Saint Matthew. "If you want to do it fast, do it alone. If you want to go farther, bring everybody along." Saint Matthew can be a beacon of light for the rest of the ECC. At the Spanish Mass people from the 9:30 Mass were presented. Tonya and Joshua heading the youth education; Tonya as parish council moderator; Mirella as Music Minister; Mother Esther Diane Smith; Sharon Smith as decorating the church; Doris Hand giving the clothing collection announcement for Grandma's House of Hope; and the Youth Group was presented. Women clergy will concelebrate on August 15th at the 12:30 Mass.

Reports from Standing Ministry Teams

CL Ministry – St. Matt's After Dark

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Doris reported that Fr. Arturo will let his speakers be used for the event. The speakers interface with the built-in speakers in the walls and connect with the sound system in the corner. The following cultures have a committed representative: Asia-Indian – Fr. Chinnappa Madanu; Native American – Deacon Adelia’s group; European – Matthew Hickman; Spanish-speaking – Mark Querijero; and the Filipino and African-American cultures have people working on programs. A silent auction will occur in the intermission of the program. A dress rehearsal will be planned for some date in early October.

Saturday night, July 17 movie night at 6:30. Movie is Heaven is for Real. Movie is free. Donation of \$10 which comes with popcorn.

Unity Mass is scheduled for August 29 at 10:30. There will be food, games, the drawing and a dunk tank entitled “Dunk a Deacon”.

Tickets are also being sold for dinner prepared by the Clergy.

Matthew Hickman’s event for August 28 was canceled as that day was needed for preparations for the Unity Mass.

Environmental Stewardship

Mariah reported that the class, Sacred Land, Food & Farming, from Just Faith was completed. Last Saturday the group went to the San Juan Capistrano Ecology Center to see how regenerative farming is done. Will repeat the class in Fall and invite the community. Need 6 to 8 people and will open it to outside people.

We are losing Brother Christopher who is moving back to Tennessee. Deacon Adelia read a letter to the community about his move. The company he worked for was sold.

Social Justice:

Doris announced that Saint Matthew received an invitation from Western Service Workers Association to join in celebrating their 45th Anniversary on Saturday, July 31, 2021 between 5 and 8 pm at the United Church of Christ, 2555 Santiago Street, Santa Ana. Donation: \$5 a person or \$7.50 a family.

Fr. Arturo offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Doris Hand
On July 17, 2021