

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Communications, Public Relations, and Membership Ministry
Minutes for March 16, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was conducted via Zoom by Justin and called to order by Sharon at 6:34 pm.

In attendance: Sharon Smith (Liaison to Parish Council, and scribe for this meeting), Tammy Fuqua (Liaison to Clergy Council), Angelica Tronco (SMECC Webmaster), Justin Veiga, and Stephany Crisantos.

Members excused: Angela Crisantos.

Deacon Tammy gave the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of February 16, 2022 were discussed. Sharon moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Angelica and passed unanimously.

CPRM Purpose:

The purpose of the CPRM Ministry as stated in the Parish Bylaws was read by Sharon and discussed by the group. During the previous two years of the Covid Pandemic the emphasis on membership was dropped. The group agreed to discuss this again at a future meeting. In the meantime, Deacon Tony has spearheaded a special committee to work on building the parish membership. Sharon mentioned plans to work with Doris to hand out brochures at local apartment buildings as they had begun to do two years ago. Deacon Tammy pointed out that the newly opened apartments should be a priority and contacted in time for SMECC brochures and flyers to be included in the welcome packets for new residents.

Parish Council Report:

- Sharon reported again that membership is down in several lay ministries resulting in a lack of chair positions being filled, and that some meetings are not being held regularly each month.
- The ECC will be electing a new Presiding Bishop at the next synod to be held in the Fall of 2022 in Saint Louis, Missouri. Father Paul from Colorado has been nominated. Plans are underway to help fund our five delegates in order that everyone can attend and be present for this important vote.
- Another trend is the inclusion and cultivating of our Hispanic community. Thirty parishioners from the 12:30 Mass signed up to attend the Saint Joseph's Feast Day potluck event this weekend.
- Holy Week is right around the corner beginning on April 9, 2022 with Palm Sunday. Clergy are lined up and decorating is scheduled.

Clergy Council Report:

- Deacon Tammy explained Holy Week in more detail. Thursday night will be an all-night vigil, however the Saturday Night mass will not be offered this year.

Old Business:

- CPRM Chair Position- Sharon announced that she would like to nominate herself to serve as the CPRM Chair. The proposal was discussed and the group gave consensus to the nomination.
- The Ministry Gift Wish List project is progressing now. Sharon has provided more content and images. Justin is coordinating the workload with Angelica.
- Stephany discussed that the Ministry Spotlight project was put on hold until the SMECC Constitution and Bylaws were completed and approved because several of the ministries were being reorganized and renamed. The group discussed picking up the project again, and starting with CPRM. Sharon asked about a picture from the Building and Property Maintenance Ministry that was offered to CPRM. Angelica passed the photo on to Stephany. The group discussed the existing template and agreed that action shots rather than group shots would be more interesting. Thought was also given to the existing “Get Involved” page and how it could be improved to include questions and prompts to help parishioners think about their own talents and what they might have to offer.
- Sharon mentioned projects that were started and dropped such “Bertie’s Bible Story Sketchbook”, and “A Cup of Tea and Theology”. The new Inquiry course covers the theology for now, and Bertie will need some personal time before resuming the sketchbook.
- Angelica discussed follow-up on the Online Content Validation process and explained it in detail again for CPRM members who were not present at the last meeting.

New Business:

- Justin and Angelica discussed the website updates and corrections. Angelica suggested that we spent perhaps 30 minutes of future meeting time to work together on some of the changes. Also, this could be a way to train Sharon to make corrections directly on her own.

Deacon Tammy gave the closing prayer. The meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022, 6:30 pm

Future Topics: Parish Membership Focus, New CPRM Members

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith