

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

Meeting was conducted via Zoom by Justin and called to order by Sharon at 6:30 pm.

In attendance: Sharon Smith (Liaison to Parish Council, Acting Chair and scribe for this meeting), Angelica Tronco (SMECC Webmaster), Justin Veiga, and guest –Deacon Tony.
Members excused: Tammy Fuqua (Liaison to Clergy Council),

Approval of the Minutes:

The October 19, 2022 minutes were discussed and corrected to read Angela and Stephanie (Crisantos) rather than Angelica in reference to those discontinuing CPRM. The minutes were then approved unanimously as amended.

Parish Council and ECC Report:

- Sharon reported that the new Presiding Bishop, Paul Burson was scheduled to visit Saint Matthew on December 4, 2022. (This date was later rescheduled to January 29, 2023.)
- Sharon also reported that her three-year term on Parish Council had come to an end, and that CPRM will need a new Parish Council liaison. She plans to continue with CPRM, however.
- The sale of the office area of the church has been completed, escrow is closed and the money is in the bank. This transaction has paid off our mortgage and has positioned us to buy a new property. In addition, the same buyer put in an offer on the remaining portions of the church (the chapel and the gathering hall). The Parish Council approved the offer during their December meeting. We will be able to rent back this area with the interest from the invested cash for up to seven years, giving us flexibility to search for a new church property. We are now positioned to make a cash offer on the next attractive opportunity that turns up.
- The offices continue to be cleared out. Mirella and Kelly will move their offices to a newly renovated office space 16 and may remain there until the middle of March 2023. The possibility of temporarily renovating the gathering hall to accommodate them is being explored.

Old Business

Roundtable updates:

- Sharon discussed website projects that Meredythe Hutchinson is working on. They include “I’m New”, “Sacraments”, and cleaning up of Inquiry study guides and teacher keys.
- Sharon and Justin completed the Ministry Gift Wish List. Sharon provided the photos (custom shots) and Justin provided the graphic design work. Justin also completed other various projects that were on his to-do list.
- Sharon has also been creating various posters. She made a collage poster for the Anaheim Convention Center Citizenship and Health-Fair event that has gotten much positive attention. This event was the first experiment of reaching out to the community in order to share information about Saint Matthew. Her “three-legged stool” poster that

she made at the ECC Synod has also gotten unexpected attention. It visually describes the concept behind Saint Matthew's new constitution. More ideas of this nature are in the works.

- Deacon Tony and Deacon Tammy are working on the clergy updates.

New Business:

Deacon Tony joined the group to talk about some new promotional ideas. He discussed creating a blog that could capture positive comments and could respond to negative ones. He would like for us to reach out to social media, and plans to target emails and go door to door in hopes of growing the church. He also talked about offering confession once a month, and would like to try it on Zoom.

Deacon Tony gave a closing prayer, and the meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2023 (Was moved to January 19, 2023)

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith