

**SAINT MATTHEW
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MEETING DATE: May 9, 2023 6:30PM-8:30PM**

Members in Attendance

In-person: Lydia Russo, Teri Davis, Polly Touhey, Jim Hoisington, Bea Tiritilli, Gary Espinoza

Online: Katy Henry, Anitha Madanu, Martha Ledezma

Proxy: Irene Bronson, John Deane

Absent: Ana Diaz

Other Attendees

In-person: Mary Ann Hoisington, Fr. Arturo, Tony Russo, Jason Adams

Online: Paul's iPad, Sharon Smith, Bishop Peter, Tonya Adams

Start time: 6:32

Opening Prayer

Fr. Arturo opened in with a prayer.

Opening Remarks

Lydia shared plans for memorial services for

- Tony Q – Saturday, May 27 at 3:00 PM
- Scott Jones - Rosary Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 & Memorial Sunday, June 11 at 9:30 Mass; Possible Zoom with family after Mass

Approval of April PC Meeting Minutes: Polly motioned to approve April minutes as written Gary seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- **ECC Synod**-Lydia explained that we need a delegate to replace Doris. Gary expressed interest. Sharon mentioned that Kelly might also want to be a delegate.

New Business

- Scott's memorial service – Committee consists of Sharon, Bea, Katy, and Nancy. Anyone who is interested can be on the committee.
- Church custodial service – concerns brought up about the cleanliness of the church and gathering hall.
- Fr. Ben's 60th Anniversary – May 28 at 9:30 Mass – There will be a planning meeting.

Report from the Pastor: Fr. Arturo stressed the importance of continuing to foster positive relationships among Parish Leaders and teams. There is an effort to collaborate with other church communities. How do we want others to see Saint Matthew's? Deacon Tony indicated that St. Matthew's will nominate Fr. Arturo as a Vicar General and that we are seeking to start a new ECC region.

Reports from the Standing Ministry Teams

Finance

Katy Henry shared an Addendum to Financials for January-April 2023. Attachments were provided. Bea asked if the PC had agreed to use the interest earned on the CDs for operating costs or if it was to be reinvested. Deacon Tony stated that the interest income is being used to offset rent expenses. Polly asked if we would continue to have to pay property taxes and HOA. Deacon Tony explained that yes, that was part of the rental agreement.

Community Life & Fundraising

Jenny shared that there will be another Rubio's fundraiser on May 21, July 30 is our next unity Mass and fiesta, and we are planning another movie night in the summer and Trunk or Treat in October.

Environmental Stewardship Committee

Bea shared that ESC is doing their best to use only reusable and/or biodegradable goods and will pay for more sustainable goods. NO MORE STYROFOAM. Sharon shared that the plant sale made \$168 on May 7.

Social Justice Committee – Gary shared that the food sales on May 7 made about \$870 and served about 200 people. Fr. Arturo shared that Social Justice Committee will be joining with members from Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church for a fellowship event.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Closing Prayer from Fr. Arturo and Final Blessing was given by Bishop Peter.

Adjournment 7:38 PM