



**St. Matthias**  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020

**In attendance:** Sr. Mary Riley, Tam Trinh, Martha Miricho, Phil Callaghan, John Grant, Fr. Tony Davis (Kristy Yonyon absent)

### **Calendar Update**

Finance Council: Meeting next Tuesday and are open to suggestions for new potential members. Members should have a background in business, banking, accounting, or the like. We are looking at 5 year terms.

Confirmation: Will take place Sunday, November 1, 2020. Bishop Brennan will not be present, but has delegated the pastors to conduct the sacrament. Our 5 PSR students will be confirmed at the I Iam parish mass and our 20-25 School students will be confirmed at an additional 1pm mass that day. Information as well as postcard reminders are being sent to the families.

Trunk or Treat: Last year, Parish Council was looking at hosting a 'trunk or treat' night on our parking lot in order to connect to our local neighborhood and reach out to our school and PSR families. We originally set Saturday, October 31 around 6:15pm (after the 5pm mass) as the date and time. This year, due to the pandemic, the Parish Council was given the chance to cancel the event or do a simple 'drive through' trick or treat. Enough members of the council agreed to dress up and pass out candy in a drive through setup. Fr. Tony will take care of getting the candy. We are doing this not as a way to risk people's safety, but as an alternative to try to keep people safe this Halloween.

Remembrance Mass: On Monday, November 2 at 7 pm, we are having a 'Remembrance Mass' for All Souls Day. We will invite parishioners who have lost a loved one this past year, as well as the broader parish to attend. Guests will be asked and invited to bring a table-top sized picture of their loved one to place in the sanctuary for the mass.

## **Old Business**

Parish Outreach: We are finalizing the list of organizations we would like to support. For now, until the pandemic is under control, we want to get our financial outreach plan completed. The council agrees that the Dominican Learning Center, especially with our connection to Sr. Mary and the Dominicans of Peace, would be appropriate. We will continue on with the other organizations, with some changes in the amount of financial support. As for actual service and volunteer opportunities, we will continue to discuss this and have opportunities for the parishioners when it is safe again.

Social Media: A comment on a number of surveys was that the parishioners don't know the members of parish council. To help correct that, we will be producing some social media videos featuring parish council. One main project will be to compose a 'Christmas Liturgy of the Word' service including all the members taking on different reading parts to be released on Christmas Eve. Gwendolyn Rehm will take care of the music. Fr. Tony will have the script to the council by our November meeting so we can divide up the parts. We can film on our own or we will have a camera ready for our December meeting if anyone wants to film it here.

Preparing our Mission Statement: Ted, who is going to help us develop our Values-Based and Asset-Based Pastoral Planning, was unable to join us tonight, but we discussed a little more of what he will be doing with us through a few Saturday workshops. The goal of the workshop is to compose a vision and mission statement as well as identify our core values. This will help lay a foundation for the future of the parish as well as assist us in our communications of what we are about. (Handout distributed)

## **New Business**

Preparing our Mission Statement: the council agreed to check with Ted if he would be available on Saturday, October 24 at 9am and Saturday, November 7 at 9am.

Holiday Help: this time of year, various organizations both in and outside the parish ask for names of families in the parish who could use help this holiday season with food and toys. Parish Council members are invited to share with Fr. Tony any family they think might need help. This should be done cautiously and confidentially.

## **Open Comments**

Beyond Colorblind: Parish council members continued to discuss this book, other books related to racism, and how we can begin some of these conversations here.

Diocese/Bishop: the bishop and Office of Ethnic Ministries seems to want to host some events regarding race in the future. Fr. Tony thought St. Matthias should offer to be a meeting location and/or help coordinate some events.

Welcoming: We will follow up on this in the future, but Martha suggested a welcoming committee, which could include things like yard signs for Christmas and Easter inviting people to join us.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020