

St. Matthias Parish Council Meeting

April 9, 2019

Members present: Doug Keil, Chris Schands, Victoria Childers, Fr. McCullough, Bill Brocker, Dave Nienaber, Father John

Members absent: Karen Williams, Deacon Dominic, Sima Bayamna, Hector Escalante, Father Lambert, Lan Vu, Kurt Juengling, Lorenzo Todd, Nancy Zoeller, Francis Blay-Mockey

Opening prayer: Father McCullough

Motion to approve minutes: Doug Keil, seconded Chris Schands

Pastor's comments:

- There was a great presentation last week by Todd Juengling. It's unfortunate that Doug Keil missed the presentations because he was partying.
- A potential children's Liturgy of the Word might be something interesting to look into.
- Some people have read the financial updates/reports in the bulletin and reacted negatively. However, this may be the most efficient way to get the word out so parishioners are informed.
- Is there a way to only make our financial information in the bulletin available to only St. Matthias, such as through a poster in lobby? Alternative ways probably wouldn't be very effective.
- The need for services is there or it isn't whether it's 20% or 40% regardless if the number of masses is the same and our headcount is at or above theirs.
- A lot of our Hispanic families are larger than the families at the other parishes.
- The original 40-40-20 split came from when Father Pete was around. A regional group agreed that with our expenses and amount of parishioners it would be fair for us to only pay 20%.

Fr. Lambert's comments and updates:

not present, no comments available

Ghanaian Community Updates:

- Last Saturday they called a priest in Columbus, but the secretary wasn't available to talk about further steps. We will meet and come to a resolution at a later date.
- On July 18th there will be a regional meeting at a retreat center.

- There aren't going to be any baptisms Holy Saturday. There will be some first communions sometime next year.
- The attendance at the fish fries is very encouraging.
- A community meeting will happen in the near future to talk about the finances/sustainability. The general reaction will be recorded next meeting.
- Lan Vu spoke with Hector Escalante. Apparently many of the Spanish speaking community were shocked that we were facing financial difficulties.

Spanish Speaking Community Updates: Hector Escalante

not present, no comments available

Fish Fry report

- We seem to be making good money. People are enjoying the experience.

Confirm plans for St. Matthias Feast Day, Tuesday, May 14

- The feast day celebration sounds like a plan. We'll get sign up sheets together for people to volunteer to bring things. The parish will take care of soft drinks and plates/utensils.
- It may be a good idea to split up the alphabet and have certain groups bring a particular dish ex. a-h bring a side dish

Multi-cultural Fest plans for summer 2019

- This is probably not happening. With all of the other events and Karen Williams not showing up to meetings, the likelihood of this event occurring is small.

Parish Council Elections planned for May

- No responses, but there have been a couple negatives.
- Doug Keil is going to try to reach out to prospective people to run.
- We need a minimum of two candidates.
- Elections will take place the weekend before Memorial Day.

New Business

Forest Park Historical Society wants to see if anyone would come to speak about the history of our church. Dick Neyer can do this if he wishes. Others have expressed that this is pointless and merely for the amusement of the group.

Closing prayer: Father McCullough

Next meeting
May 16, 2019