



**St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
824 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD
Monday, October 1, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

St. Michael's Mission:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Michael the Archangel Church brings the parish and the community closer to the Lord through worship, love and stewardship so that all may be one in Christ.

St. Michael's Vision:

A dynamic community of faith, celebrating our growing diversity as a beacon of the new evangelization.

Present: Monsignor Eddie Tolentino, Rev. Luis Marroquin, Deacon Curtis Rodney, Lisa Taylor, Edwin Mendez, Eliamelisa Gonzalez, John Webster, Darrell Smith, Anna Smith, Esnath Mtonga, Maricela Tobar, Christina Sian, Helder Hernandez, Lilian Corvera.

I. Call to Order and Welcome **Lisa Taylor** 7:06 p.m.

II. Opening Prayer/Reflection **Msgr. Tolentino**

A. Today's Gospel: Luke 9: 46-50

Monsignor was looking for a reflection for the meeting, and the reading seemed to pick up where the meeting was adjourned last time because of what it says: There was rivalry among the disciples themselves. There are 2 things opposed to God's plan in us: Rivalry and intolerance of others.

III. September Minutes **Lisa Taylor**

A. Amendments:

- i. Grace comments... Sermon did not sufficiently talk about sexual predator.
- ii. D2: Monsignor specifically mean how African Americans feel.
- iii. Ev3- It was not about Monsignor's feeling. It's about denigrating others feelings. The comparison was the offense.

IV. Approval of Agenda **Darrell Smith**

A. Approved as is.

V. Michaelmas Debrief **Darrell Smith**

A. Darrell: Let's talk about it since it's still fresh in our minds. Deacon Ealey, Lisa and him had been working to prepare the Catholic Social Teaching conference. It was

- well attended. Lots of positive feedback. Interest for more. Darrell was encouraged with the turnout of recent immigrant groups. That was very energizing. Observations about Michaelmas from Darrell: As always, we do this amazing bilingual services. It was wonderful. He thought the logistics downstairs seem to work well, but we're curious to see a head count. It seemed like people left. It seemed like it ended earlier.
- B. Lisa Taylor: Overall very good. Thanked parish council for been present. We had a strong showing. Cecilia did a great job. We need to recognize it in a formal way. Maybe a letter or a presentation. Jaime plans to do an after action report. There was a little concern that there were not enough hands for setting up tables. We need to have more bodies to help. Food was awesome. It's a great way to welcome Fr. Luis.
 - C. Anna Smith: There was a young couple. They go to St. Marks. And they only come to Michaelmas and they are thrilled of what we do.
 - D. Father Luis Marroquin: Very impressed with the celebration. In former parish, patronal feast was very simple.
 - E. Monsignor Tolentino: There use to be a parish picnic and now it turned out to be a celebration of our faith and celebration of our different cultural heritage. Monsignor mention that we need to do more on social justice: Workshop did not specifically talked about them. Seven principles were not fully discussed. We will have to take a second look at it. This one needs to be the foundation to our annual retreat. Pannel was good. Little by little, we will get all the music. We need to expand it.

VI. Year of Service

Lisa Taylor

- A. Lisa Taylor: Explained to new members of the parish council about what the year of service is that is taking place since last Advent 2018 to Christ the King celebration in November 2018. John, Lisa, Darrell and Monsignor will meet to see how we will use the pledge service cards. Anna is now working with service vitality. We need to support it so that this can be a success.
- B. Darrell Smith: Nicole did a great job with the year of service board.

VII. Explanation of the Vitalities

Msgr. Tolentino

- A. We need to take a look at the Organizational Chart so that everything that we do fit in the vitalities. Members of the parish council are to represent one area of vitality. The different areas are: Worship, Education, Service, Community, Administration and Stewardship. These are also the headings that ADW uses to evaluate the parishes.
- B. Monsignor asked Darrell to send the chart that was created during the year of service. The 7 pillars of Catholic Social Teaching were reminded: Life and Dignity of the Human Person. ...Call to Family, Community, and Participation. ...Rights and Responsibilities. ...Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. ...The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers...Solidarity. ...Care for God's Creation.
- C. Lisa asks new members to take the organizational chart and by next meeting we will ask you which vitality can you belong to. Idea is to have leadership, so that we live as example to others in the parish.
- D. Darrell asks Monsignor if he can also email the revise action plans. Monsignor approved for this.

VIII. Review and Comment of the Parish Council By-Laws Msgr. Tolentino

- A. Bylaws: Monsignor wanted to present it to the parish council. He would like to address the attention to terms: Terms is 3 years. If there are any comments or questions, we will have it at the agenda for next meeting.
- B. Question from Lisa: Officers... Chair and vice-chair is filled.
New secretary is: Edwin Mendez.

IX. Religious Education year (240 students; 48 am/192 pm) Lilian Corvera

- A. **Romero: The Movie October 14 at 10:30 am**
Saint Oscar Romero Movie will be showed at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday October 14.
- B. Anna Smith says Service Committee would like to adopt a Spanish speaking parish in El Salvador...Monsignor requests for her to speak to Father Luis about it.

X. Dynamic Catholic for the Lenten Revival Jason Giovannettone

- A. Deacon Curtis: has to reach out to Jason. They had made contact with dynamic Catholics. Our desire is for a Lenten season...Dates open might be for September and September doesn't work.
- B. Lisa: Set of speakers that are dynamic. The only questions she asks is: They charge \$25 ahead per the person, and all the money goes for them. Matthew Kelly is very dynamic writer.
- C. Deacon's desire is: To have someone dynamic speakers come to revival. Last year the theme of the revival was healing of the family and the breaking of generational wounds.
- D. Lisa asks Deacon for a report for next meeting about Lenten Revival.
- E. Monsignor: Asks parish council to see if we call this event a Revival or a Mission.
Revival: Preaching, music, testimonies. Mission: Three days of preaching.
- F. Deacon Curtis: There is no better way for a revival than the celebration of mass. To have the revival presented within the context of the mass it would be Deacon Curtis' desire so that we would have three nights of masses, with various themes, or one theme.
- G. Esnath: She loves the idea for the three days of the revival. It's something different from the regular masses we attend. The atmosphere is different. It it's just the feeling that encourages you to come.
- H. Monsignor asks parish council to think about Lent. We should do something...
Monsignor asks: What do we want to do during Lent? Think about all the things we would like to do during Lent. We need to think about a program.
- I. Lisa's comments: For Revival we should invite musicians. Have issues of healing on victims of abuse, or talk about service... Lisa asks parish council to think and collate all of this, and see some kind of a program for this, and see what's best for us. It would be better if we can write it down.
- J. Darrell will ask the question to Parish Council. Be specific on it.

XI. Parish Retreat (November 9-11) Msgr. Tolentino

- A. It will be in Priestfield, West Virginia. Every parish council member should be present. It will begin on the Friday night... Two to a room. Cost: \$104.00 (\$52 per room for double occupancy) and parish council members are asked to cover the cost. We are asked to find room mates.

B. Lisa will meet with Monsignor and Darrell and Deacon Ealey about the food. Lisa humbly recommends that parish pays for food. Lisa asks that clergy encourages Deacon Ealey to go to the parish retreat

C. Monsignor suggests that the retreat is preached within the parish council. Have no special guest speakers for the retreat. Deacon Ealey suggests bringing Charlene for retreat.

D. Person in charge for retreat for Friday: Lisa Taylor
Saturday: Darrell Smith
Sunday: Monsignor Tolentino

XII. Administrative Matters

Lisa Taylor

- A. Total of parish council members: 14 without clergy
- B. Designation of a secretary: Edwin Mendez
- C. Parish Council Activity Dates: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019
2018-2019 Meeting Dates:
Monday, November 5, 2018
Monday, December 3, 2018
Monday, January 7, 2019
Monday, February 4, 2019
Monday, March 4, 2019
Monday, April 1, 2018
Monday, May 6, 2018
Monday, June 3, 2018

D. Pending Business

Lisa Taylor

Pilgrimage

Deacon Curtis

Deacon Rodney requested the communications committee to spread the word. People have begun to sign up. We have about 10 people signed up already. There is room for 50 people. Dates for the trip: Nov. 4 through 13, 2019 \$2,999.00. Rome, Assisi, Venice, Florence. Not restricted to Saint Michael's but to everyone.

XIII. New Business

Darrell Smith

- i. Advent programs: Darrell Smith: Do we have any advent plans for this year? Is there anything plan? If not, is there anything to be planned?
Ideas: Have a Holy Hour weekly on Tuesdays. 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by a meal afterwards. Everyone approved.
Dates for the Holy Hour will be: December 4, 11 and 18.
- ii. Monsignor has a question: For those who have been victims of abuse. Why doesn't the church present the question that Jesus asked Peter: Lord, where can I go? Only you have the words of everlasting life. We believe the church is a place for healing.
- iii. Darrell Smith: How about reaching the non-practicing Catholics?
Example: Caroling around the neighborhood.
Another idea is: The Posadas. Edwin's idea.
- iv. Service: Lisa: Donate socks, Cup of Joe with the kids... Example to bring the kids with the religious education program...Food Drive...
- v. List all the different things in a flyer.

- vi. Lisa asks for a banner outside.
- vii. Come home for Christmas, and have a picture of children of different ethnicities.

XIV. Announcements

Cristina Sian: Filipino Ministry update: Month of October. Procession outside the church on our third Sunday. We will begin a little earlier with the Filipino mass. Joint with Mother Butler we will have the Halloween Dinner/Dance on October 27, 2018. For November: Health Screening event will happen and Free Legal Advises. Third Sunday of November: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Flu shots, and hearing test. Nurses and doctors will be present. December will have its Christmas celebration on the third Sunday of the month. Nine days novena...

Eliamelisa Gonzalez: Announced Catechesis for Youth and Adults called: Come and Listen from the Neocatecumenal Way. It will begin on Monday, October 8 at the parish center. Edwin advised that ministry flyers have a line that says: Sponsor by, so that people may see who the organizers for each event are.

Marisela Tobar: Works with the youth of the Neocatecumenal Way on fundraising for World Youth Day. There will be a representation from youth going to Panama. There will be fundraising for this after each mass soon. Other activities: Christmas Concert, etc.

Lisa Taylor: Note from Fr. Dominic: Expressed gratitude for the check but mostly for the love that it was shown to him.

XV. Closing Prayer

Father Luis Marroquin

REMINDER –Parish Council members assigned to serve as liaison officers to Councils, Committees and Ministries are responsible for serving as ministry coordinators and for keeping the Parish Council informed of ministry activities and new information or challenges of which the Council should be aware through monthly reports submitted no later than one week in advance of a Council meeting.