



**St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
824 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD
Monday, June 3, 2019
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: Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, Father Luis Marroquin, Deacon Curtis Rodney, Lisa Taylor, Edwin Mendez, John Webster, Esnath Mtonga, Christina Sian, Eliamelisa Gonzalez, Maricela Tobar, Anna Smith, Jason Giovannettone, Helder Hernandez.

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| I. Call to Order and Welcome | 7:07 p.m. | Lisa Taylor |
| II. Opening Prayer/Reflection | | Msgr. Tolentino |
| Monsignor would like to ask Father Luis to give a reflection and prayers... | | |
| Father Luis asks everyone to give a reflection on the gospel for Pentecost Sunday. | | |
| III. Approval of the April Minutes | | Darrell Smith |
| First – Anna Smith | | |
| Seconded – Jason Giovannettone | | |
| IV. Approval of Agenda | | Lisa Taylor |
| First – Anna Smith | | |
| Seconded – Jason Giovannettone | | |
| V. Report from the Hispanic Committee | | Lilian Corvera |

Edwin gave an extended report on Hispanic Committee's meeting. Main points are the following:

1. Hispanic Committee requests the parish to purchase Sound System for Live Representation of the Way of the Cross, and at the same time, for use of any ministry in the parish. At the long run, purchasing the system will save money for the parish because every year they are rented. Cost is a little over \$3,000.00. There were

- different points of view among members. Deacon Curtis suggested a fundraising for this. Monsignor does not agree on fundraising. Monsignor asked the committee that if this is purchased, then comes up with a plan to make sure it is safe and securely locked, to make sure there is one person in charge of signing up the name of the ministry that will use it, and make sure it is returned.
2. Music Coordinator for Masses in Spanish – Hispanic Committee requests the parish for a Music Coordinator that is employed by the parish. Monsignor said he's always open to receiving requests from Hispanic Committee. It had not been asked before, but if it's needed, then he requests the Hispanic Committee to come up with a job description, and the follow up with him and Scot.
 3. Monsignor commented on the need for parishioners to do sacrificial giving for the parish.
 4. Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group will celebrate its 23rd anniversary on July 6, 2019 with an evening of praise and worship in the Williamsburg Room.
 5. Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group will go out to evangelize on the streets and invite people to come back to the church. This activity will be held mid June.

VI. 7 Principles Service Report

Lisa Taylor/Darrell Smith

a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person (Lisa Taylor)

1. Active shooting workshop will be held on July 8, 2019.
2. Proposal for an Immigration Seminar on Sunday, June 23, 2019. Lisa will speak with Edwin so there can only be one seminar. Edwin proposed an Immigration Workshop as well but on Wednesday, July 3rd in English, and Monday, July 1st in Spanish.

b. Call to Family, Community and Participation (Edwin Mendez)

1. Edwin proposed an immigration workshop for Monday, July 1st and Wednesday, July 3rd. All approved. Immigration Workshop will be held on the dates mentioned.

c. Rights and Responsibilities (Marisela Tobar)

1. Maricela contacted United we dream to speak to them about having an immigration seminar as well. She said this was the same idea of having a workshop for DACA recipients. She said the immigration workshop in July can help in answering these questions. Lisa mentioned Maricela can still follow up with this.

d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (Anna Smith)

1. Anna will have cards on slavery and human trafficking --- and other resources for the evening of the immigration forum.
2. Service Committee: Will be out for summer, but will be working on the breast cancer project.
3. Craft Ministry raised \$500.00 for the parish.
4. Anna invited students at the RCIA meeting - great recruiting.. Thanks to Nicole for inviting them.

e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers (John Webster)

1. John Webster found a resource at the ADW and sent to Lisa... Are there concerns?? Rights and Responsibility Speaker.
2. Lisa suggests that John Webster look over at inside speakers... Asks others... If we cannot, then get someone from ADW.
3. Lisa gives green light to John Webster: Go ahead and schedule it...

f. Solidarity (Cristina Sian)

1. Solidarity – Cristina helped with stations of the cross: soup and scripture... Had a beautiful fellowship. Christina Sian mentioned the Filipino Ministry events: Flores de mayo... Filipino Mass... & Santacruzian... For next year they are planning to ask everyone from the parish to get involved.
October 26: Halloween Celebration... Fundraising for the Church.
November 17: Free health screening...
2. Webster would like to speak to Scot about the translation equipment...

g. Care for God's Creation (Jason Giovannettone/Darrell Smith)

1. The Green Project... Jason has been getting quotes for this. For the first 2 phases: prepare to clean up the property, etc.. Quotes are finalized and that is about \$5,000.00 Phase 2: Rainwater project... Final quote: \$10,000.00 With regards to the last 2 phases with pavement.. Have gotten some quotes, that prefer not to mention, but there are a lot of options. He will explore. Just want to let us know that this is moving... Monsignor would like to have a deanery meeting... Invite ADW Archbishop, and have a meeting to explain about it. On top of that: We would like to have a Town hall Meeting... Parishioners need to understand what is going on... 2 tentative speakers: One of them is: Lady from Montgomery county to come speak about what you can do to clean up the property... Other is his colleague: Explain about the rainwater project. He's been doing networking... Who are the leading organizations for Catholic Church... Catholic Climate Covenant... They are organizing the first conference about this at a University in Nebraska... He has gotten mixed messages. Another speaker for this town hall meeting would be one that comes and speak about Energy efficiency. Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake... John Webster asks: Are there other parishes doing this? Jason says this: Yes... John Webster asks: Can we bring them to let us know what they are doing.. Town Hall Meetings will happen the last days of July... July 23 through the 31st...

VII. Administrative Matters

Lisa Taylor

a. Monsignor's 35th Anniversary – July 20, 2019

Please attend... As a gift, he would like to get a gift in service...

b. New parishioner welcoming mass/reception on Sunday, June 9 at 11:00 am (87 members have joined the parish since June 2018)

Reception will be planned at a later date.

- c. **Reasons to Attend Mass Campaign**
Will be discussed at next meeting
- d. **23rd Anniversary of Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group on Saturday, July 6, 2019**
- e. **Michaelmas Chair Needed**
Janice Outz was asked to lead it. Waiting on a response from her.
- f. **After action report for Parish Grant for Evangelization (due June 6, 2019)**
Lisa will email Doug Lawrence about this.
- g. **Request to make addition to bulletin: Add a stewardship box in the weekly bulletin which would include this same information eachweek until the next month's data is available:**

Our operating income for the month of April was \$104,104, and our total April operating expenses were \$70,711. Our surplus for April was \$33,393. Our YTD operating income thru April 30, 2019 was \$325,346, and our YTD operating expenses were \$352,954. Our YTD deficit is (-\$27,608).

Monsignor requests to be present for this conversation. Monsignor had to leave before the meeting was over, so this was postponed for next meeting.

- VIII. Pending Business** **Lisa Taylor/Parish Council**
We need 4 more members for the Parish Council
- IX. New Business** **Lisa Taylor**
Retreat preparation needs to begin soon.

Jason: Matthew Kelly - Sept. 13 & 14, 2019 - The main point is: Event in Annapolis... He is willing to lead a small group...
- X. Closing Prayer** **Father Luis Marroquin**

Next Meeting: TBA

***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.*