



**St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
824 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD
Monday, April 1, 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. Tolentino, Father Luis Marroquin, Deacon Curtis Rodney, Lisa Taylor, Edwin Mendez, John Webster, Helder Hernandez, Jason G, Darrell Smith, Esnath Mtonga, Lilian Corvera, Christina Sian, Anna Smith.

Absent: Eliamelisa Gonzalez, Marisela Tobar.

I. Call to Order and Welcome 7:05 p.m. **Lisa Taylor**

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

A. Monsignor Tolentino reflected on a meditation from the book addressed to Autolycus of Antioch, Bishop. He reflected on the following: In service there is always this drive to do more... The whole matter of service is to form community, and apart from the need to do more, there is also the recognition of how much we are doing. The function of the PC, besides advising the pastor, it is suppose to be an animator and a promoter of our parish activity. We talked about joy and service, and it follows then that when we talk about getting the parish on service, it is so that the rest of the parish may come to understand the beauty of the person that they are, so that we might all come to share.

III. Approval of the December & March Minutes **Lisa Taylor**

A. Darrell: Approved. Jason: Seconded.

IV. Approval of Agenda **Lisa Taylor**

A. Move G to A and then move forward
Motion: Anna. Darrell: Seconded.

V. Report from the Hispanic Committee

Lilian Corvera

- A. Translated minutes of last meeting were given to everyone. Lilian commented on a brief summary of them. It is the following:
 - a. Have Hispanic choir participate in the next Parish Revival. To this, Monsignor commented that the Hispanic choir has been invited in many occasions in previous years to participate and there has been little or no participation. We'll continue to try.
 - b. Hispanic Committee mentioned about the need to have more equipment for translation for Revival or other events.
Monsignor Tolentino: New sound system will be installed soon and it will have translation incorporated as well.
 - c. Way of the Cross & Sound system: Everyone is invited to attend the procession on Good Friday. Sound system for the procession will be requested to Monsignor Tolentino.
 - d. Hispanic Heritage month: Hispanic Committee voted to have it at 9:30 a.m. mass only. Make this mass bilingual, and have fellowship to follow in the Williamsburg Room. It will be in September.
 - e. Darrell: They had a conversation about the Fish Fry... There are 40 members in Cub Scout now.. Packed began with 8 but now is 40. Attendance was by far the larger one that we have had. Fish fry shows that we shouldn't give up when there is not enough participation on a certain event.

VI. Report from the Evangelization Team

Marisela Tobar

- A. Team suggested from the parish council ~ See attached sheet for report.
- B. Esnath & Deacon Curtis will help lead this. Christina, Marisela & Lisa, Jason, Esnath, and Deacon Curtis are the members of this team.
- C. Deacon Curtis: A priest friend of Deacon Curtis is offering to have a French mass for St. Michael. His name is Fr. Collin. Esnath asks: Is he in touch with a greater Cameroon Community? It would be easier for Deacon to organize a mass if they are involved.

VII. Report from the Communications Committee

Eliamelisa Gonzalez

- A. John Webster: Meeting will be on April 9.
Lisa will send questions to Communications Committee.

VIII. 7 Principles Service Report

Lisa Taylor/Darrell Smith

- A. **Care for God's Creation (Jason Giovannettone/Darrell Smith)**
 - a. Jason has a full report.
 - b. March 20 was first meeting. 5 attended: Conrad representing youth, and Russell, Jason, Yamide Dagne were in attendance.
 - c. Andy does a lot of volunteer work at the Franciscan monastery ~ Knights are interested in teaming with Baptist Church.
 - d. Monsignor Tolentino: Make sure to write a notice for the bulletin saying something about the meeting.

- e. Earth Day is coming up: They will propose an article to include in the Parish Times. Had this vision, is not going to happen overnight.
- f. How to capture rain water to helping the environment... We need to help resolve the problem.. This will make a significance difference. We are eligible for Grant money...
- g. 3 stages of the project: A representative from the county came, and saw how the school can be made greener.
- h. Immediate things: Rainwater Harvest (System) ~ Use for watering. Storm water reduction ~ Pollution problem.. Do we want to change the pavement to have the water soaked instead of going to the drainage.
 - 1.) Remove things that are not needed...Unless you will do something with the playground keep it..
 - 2.) Trailer ~ Jason got some quotes on how much to demolishing it and get it out of the property. You cannot pull it off.
 - 3.) Have the basketball
 - 4.) Tires back there... To DEMOLISH everything (About \$3,000.00) Talk to the Knights of Columbus about asking for help... Vegetable Garden: Do not put the garden next to the Baptist church... Vegetable beds along with asphalt... Fence Property ~ Don't take the fence out.. Having the garden inside the fence... Fence Quote: \$5,800.00 and \$4,400.00
- i. Next to the Baptist church ~ Plant two native trees... We are on the list for a free native tree.
- j. Romero Center ~ Invasive plants there...
- k. Back of property behind the school: Put a canopy over the stairs: \$2,250.00. Put a drain to make it go out on a certain direction. That part needs to be fixed... Jason asks: Can the cub scouts work in the back of Romero Center.

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

- a. Active shooter training coming soon.
- b. Might be helpful to talk about employment rights at the parish... Do a talk about that and offer some guides to talk about it.
- c. Monsignor Tolentino: As we walk through this we will see that there are other people around the parish that there are people that are in need. Example: We do not have senior activities.

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

- a. Edwin and Lilian created an information guide to parishioners about information for ministering married couples, separated & Divorce Catholics, youth & young adults, single Catholics, and those who have experienced abortion. Monsignor Tolentino requested that the booklet have contact information for each ministry.
- b. Edwin reported to parish council about the request from last year's parish council retreat to add petitions that include: married Catholics, separated & divorce, single, youth, young adults, those who have experienced abortion, LGBT, the elderly, etc. Edwin gave this information to Deacon Ealey. Deacon Ealey said he had already been adding this but not all groups. He will work on adding the rest of them to the petitions.

D. Rights and Responsibilities (Marisela Tobar)

- a. No report.

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

- a. Exploring the English program and other supporting the immigrants.
- b. Working on resource guide ~ English & Spanish.
- c. Geiny Wagner ~ Adding a ministry of Literacy.
- d. Sister Kathleen's conversation went well. Race for the cure for breast cancer...ET: Human trafficking.

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

- a. Anyone passionate about worker's rights?? John Webster needs help... Deacon Curtis might help.

G. Solidarity (Cristina Sian)

- a. Cristina has been helping with soup and reflection during the Lenten season.

IX. Administrative Matters

Lisa Taylor

A. Parish Council Activity 2018-2019 Meeting Dates:

1. **Monday, May 6, 2019**
2. **Monday, June 3, 2019**

B. Stations of the Cross/Soup & Reflection Volunteers

- a. Lisa, Deacon Curtis, Esnath, Helder and Edwin will be helping.

C. Lenten Food Drive

- a. Have the Education Committee helps in the Lenten Food Drive.

D. Feedback & Accolades for the Revival

X. Pending Business

Lisa Taylor/Parish Council

XI. New Business

Lisa Taylor

a. Translation Ministry

John Webster

John Webster requests to create a dedicated translation ministry for different events at the parish. This will be referred the Hispanic Committee.

A new translation equipment will also be bought for parish use.

XII. Closing Prayer

Father LuisMarroquin

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Rectory

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.