



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

Absent: Anna Smith, Darrell Smith, Lilian Corvera, Jason Giovannettone, Deacon Ealey.

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

**Lisa Taylor 7:12 p.m.**

**II. Opening Prayer/Reflection**

**Msgr. Tolentino**

Msgr. reflected on Advent, and asked everyone what our thoughts were of what our Lord wants to us to prepare for. Everyone gave a personal reflection.

**III. November Minutes**

**Lisa Taylor**

Motion:

First: John Webster

Seconded: Eliamelisa Gonzalez

Amendments:

Monsignor Tolentino asks that absent members be added to minutes as well.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**Lisa Taylor**

Lisa requests to change VIII... under b # 4, 5, and 6 dates.. Change year from 2018 to 2019.

John: First

Eliamelisa: Seconded

**V. Report from the Hispanic Committee**

**Lilian Corvera**

- A. Lisa thanked Edwin and Helder for the excellent report given to Hispanic Committee at last month meeting about parish council retreat and seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Msgr. added that the idea is that this be made known to the entire parish...Lisa recommends that Darrell takes this job to make it into a chart for Parish Council.
  
- B. Lilian was not present at the meeting, so she will give a report at the February meeting.

**VI. Advent Program**

**Father Luis**

**Holy Hour on Tuesdays of Advent (12/4, 12/11, & 12/18)**

- A. Advent Adoration has been moved from Tuesdays to Thursdays.  
Organization as follows:  
Soups:  
Week 1: Deacon Curtis for 50 people  
Week 2: Eliamelisa and Lisa...  
Week 3: Hispanic Committee..
  
- B. First week reflection: Annunciation  
Second Week: Visitation  
Third Week: Posadas  
Reflection and homily followed by silent prayer.. and confessions.  
After benediction we will go down to the Williamsburg Room.  
Lisa will get bowls, spoons and napkins, and cups, and beverages and little plates, and white tablecloth...
  
- C. Small Kitchen:  
There is so much food in the refrigerator:  
Get Ramon to throw everything there.  
Keep track of who is using the kitchen and follow up: Ramon and Edwin in charge.

**VII. Follow-up from Parish Retreat (November 9-11)  
Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearnesville, WV**

**Msgr. Tolentino**

- A. According to the sheet Lisa gave which is attached:  
Lisa looked at 15 points..
  - 1.) Communications committee.. Find out from Ramon dimensions of flyers..  
Both languages... Eliamelisa.
  - 2.) Meeting - Have at least 5 people from each of the group...  
Lisa will do DOODLE so that we decide on a day..  
Saturday meeting in February...  
Monsignor would like Rene Holder to be part of Caribbean Community...
  - 3.) Msgr. says: Every single one of the vitalities...  
Every vitality needs to meet and discuss items and come up with a calendar...  
All vitalities have to meet individually.  
This meeting can take place in January..

Do we have a chair for each of these?

Esnath: Call to Family..

Worship: Father Luis

Education: Darrell Smith

Service: Anna Smith

Community: Deacon Curtis

Administration/Stewardship: Monsignor Tolentino

Msgr. delegates John to set up the meeting for administration...

4.) Lisa will invite to former PC

5.) Rene Holder from Caribbean Community...

We need to replace Jennifer and Michael Wagner...

Jimmy Golden: Lisa will call Jimmy and ask again...

We need 2 more people.

6.) Update the 7 principles and it needs to happen in the inclusivity meeting.

7.) Msgr. did a great job for the insert.

Email Damian for website.

8.) Evaluation... Pending.. Darrell

9.) Eliamelisa will create a report about this...

How can we belong to a church where: Gay doesn't apply, women cannot be a priest...

Engage children in small groups where they can feel free to discuss these things...

Youth cannot separate a priest from the church...

Msgr: Our youth program has to be revived... Youth have things they wanna talk about...

Lisa: Was talking to a friend from Tampa and asked her if at Lisa's parish had groups for people in different groups.

Deacon comments that we are a diverse group..

Msgr. is looking forward to the results of the YOUTH SYNOD...

Esnath: We are coming from different cultures and some of them are rigid.

We need to include the young adults... We cannot be close minded.

Helder: Wanting to know about personal information... We have a diverse community. He thinks it's better to approach these issues, as suppose as to not doing anything.

10.) Green Team - Lisa is planning to have someone come in to the PC Council and talk to install a green team in a building..

11.) Lisa says we should have volunteers to have someone on how to have parish ambassadors.. Deacon Curtis says.. Have these vitality ambassadors for each mass with information and direction for new people... Keep it in mind only, Lisa says.. Msgr. asks about parish inclusivity...

12.) Video of 7 principles... John Webster says look at Youtube.

13.) Schedule and plan for another large community... Lisa assigns Administration... We will come back to that one.

Msgr. asks to think about an event that will bring us all together and have a celebration as a parish...

14.)

15.) Prayer.

## **VIII. Administrative Matters**

**Lisa Taylor**

- A.) Parish Council Holiday Party – January 7, 2019 @ 7 pm
- B.) Parish Council Activity 2018-2019 Meeting Dates:
  - 1. Monday, January 7, 2019
  - 2. Monday, February 4, 2019
  - 3. Monday, March 4, 2019
  - 4. Monday, April 1, 2018
  - 5. Monday, May 6, 2018
  - 6. Monday, June 3, 2018

## **IX. Pending Business**

**Lisa Taylor/Parish Council**

- A.) Michaelmas Committee's Request to Re-Upholster Chairs in Williamsburg Room

Proposal to fix chairs in Williamsburg Room.. Lisa asks the Buildings and Grounds committee take care of this. We will ask Ramon to find out how many chairs in Williamsburg need to be fixed, and include chairs that need to be fixed in classroom 12 of parish center.

- B.) ADA access to Northwest Door to Church (From Whole Food's Parking Lot) Bottom to access to Northwest Door to Church. Have Ramon look at door.

- C.) Take the Next Step Offertory Renewal Report
  - 151 envelopes were returned and 41 from Spanish...
  - Msgr. says have someone write a letter.. Genieve Paul will work on a Christmas Letter about taking the next step.
  - Deacon suggests: Do parish program "take the next step" on a quarterly basis.
  - Edwin to take posters down now.

- D.) Annual Conflict of Interest Statement
  - Lisa will email people who didn't attend.

- E.) Lenten Renewal: Reconciliation. Rekindle the Flame of faith (3/11-3/13)
  - a.) Lenten Revival Mission - Reconciliation. Rekindle the Flame of Faith.
  - b.) March 11 through the 13.
  - c.) Speaker: Father Dominic Foster. He is willing to take whatever we give. He has a
  - d.) place to stay. Deacon is hoping to get some help with the communication committee with the save the date..
  - e.) Eliamelisa will email tool kit.
  - f.) Lisa asks Deacon to make a proposal.
    - Music Budget: \$600
  - g.) Volunteers needed for testimonials and translations.
  - h.) Deacon will meet: December 27, 2018 with committee.

## **X. New Business**

**Lisa Taylor**

**XI. Announcements**

- A.) Marriage Enrichment Series... Jan. 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 2018... Rebecca from St. Jerome Parish.
- B.) Christmas Celebration - Hispanic Committee and Filipino Celebration.. December 16, 2018

**XII. Closing Prayer**

**Father Luis Marroquin**

**Next Event: Holiday Party, Monday, January 7, 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.*