



**St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
824 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD
Monday, November 5, 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, Father Luis Marroquin, Deacon Curtis Rodney, Lisa Taylor, Darrell Smith, Anna Smith, Edwin Mendez, John Webster, Helder Hernandez, Christina Sian, Esnath Mtonga, Maricela Tobar, Eliamelisa Gonzalez, Lilian Corvera.

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

Lisa Taylor

II. Opening Prayer/Reflection

Msgr. Tolentino

- a. Reflection on: Philippians 2:1-4: Monsignor's first thought when he saw the reading of the day is what an excellent way to prepare to elections. We need this word. In Jesus Christ there is encouragement. The only encouragement that is going to be truly meaningful is the encouragement that we find in Jesus Christ, and that is the complete self giving of him. The opposite of love is selfishness. We participate in the life in the spirit, and we experience that spirit in the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We also experience: Compassion, and the mercy of God. We're loved by God, and saved by God... If we can take this spirit on the coming retreat of the weekend it would be great: Have a concern about the others in our parish, and then we will have an excellent retreat.

III. October Minutes

Lisa Taylor

Approved.

Darrell Smith: First. Monsignor Tolentino: Seconded.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Darrell Smith

- a. Darrell Smith's request: Move IX to VI and everything else goes down.
Approved: Lisa: First.
Eliamelisa: Seconded.

V. Michaelmas' After Action Report

Lisa Taylor

- a. Monsignor Tolentino recognized the excellent job that Michaelmas committee did on the report, and suggests everyone to read it and if there are comments we take action as needed.

VI. Report from the Hispanic Committee

Lilian Corvera

- a. Service Day: In the same spirit of the year of service and as it is traditionally done every year in the Hispanic Committee, this year they will again make 500 lunches to distribute to the homeless in areas of Silver Spring. This will happen on Saturday, November 17. Everyone who wishes to help is invited to attend. They will put together the lunch bags in the Williamsburg Room in the morning, and close to noon they will go out to different areas of Silver Spring and distribute them.
- b. Mass Time for Feast Days: Hispanic Committee is thinking of changing feast days mass time in Spanish with approval of Monsignor Tolentino. At present time, mass is celebrated at 8:30 p.m. in Spanish. However, the suggestion is to have simultaneous masses, and have the mass be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Williamsburg, at the same time that the mass in English is celebrated in the main church. Monsignor Tolentino has requested that this be discussed again at next Hispanic Committee Meeting and also, have the people who attend mass at 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. their thoughts. For next parish council meeting, they will bring this decision to the Parish Council.

VII. Pending Business - Advent Program

- a. Darrell Smith: Has received only 4 responses to the request he sent via email to ask everyone about different ideas for programs and activities for Advent and Lent. Some of the responses sent were:
 - i. No further suggestions besides the Holy Hour.
 - ii. Confessions available following a penitential supper for Lent.
 - iii. Christmas Dinner with Gift Exchange. Something similar to Christmas Delight.
 - iv. Service projects such as: Cup of joe, etc.
 - v. Lenten Revival Theme: How to incorporate Christianity on our daily lives. Also: Divine Mercy Theme and have a three day format from 7pm to 9pm. Do everything with our own priests. No special guests.
 - vi. Fish Dinner for Lent.
 - vii. Include a new service project.

- b. Monsignor Tolentino requests to further discuss Advent. Monsignor asks everyone if all approve for Holy Hour to happen during Advent on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Everyone agreed.
 - i. We need a theme and have a brochure for the three consecutive Tuesdays that will happen on Tuesday, December 4, 11, and 18. Monsignor Tolentino proposes: Infancy narratives and Luke for praying during that time. Make readings available in English and Spanish. Have the Williamsburg available for Soup and Scripture afterwards.
- c. Monsignor Tolentino also suggests giving all parishioners the Advent Booklet “The Word among us” Booklets have been ordered. Monsignor asks that the booklets are mentioned at Sunday homilies the first Sunday of Advent so that parishioners are aware of this tool given by the parish to help them in their reflection during Advent. Something also needs to be said about the Advent Holy Hours and encourage them to attend.
- d. Lisa Taylor reminded Monsignor about his thought from last meeting to have an advent theme related to helping those abused by the clergy. Monsignor’s idea was something like: Lord, where can we go? Only you have the words of everlasting life. Monsignor Tolentino replied that we can think about this theme for Lent.
- e. Darrell Smith: Lighting the wreath. Suggestions to have a family chosen in advance to light the candle. Monsignor Tolentino requests for Liturgy Committee to get together and plan.
- f. Lisa Taylor: Reminds everyone about Pledge Service Cards responses we received last year...Nothing has been done yet.

VIII. Parish Retreat (November 9-11)

Msgr. Tolentino

Priest Field Pastoral Center in Kearnesville, WV

- a. Lisa asks everyone to read over the following documents in preparation of retreat: Retreat Agenda, Seven Principles of Social Catholic Teaching, Current Activity Chart from the parish, Pastoral Plan. We will be working with them continuously at the retreat.
- b. Monsignor Tolentino: We began last year at our parish council retreat working with all these documents. This year we need to follow through on this. What Msgr. would like to accomplish is for every ministry and vitality at the parish to take one of these seven principles and work on them.

- c. Msgr. wants to make sure everyone at the parish council decides on one. Everyone decided on one and the name distribution is the following:
 - 1.) Life and Dignity of Human Person: Lisa, and Eliamelisa
Monsignor Tolentino reminds them that we support life from conception to natural death...We normally talk about abortion, but we never speak about the elderly.
 - 2.) Call to family, community, and participation - Darrell, Lilian Corvera, Edwin
 - 3.) Rights and Responsibilities - Human Dignity: Maricela, Jason G.
 - 4.) Option for the poor and vulnerable: Anna Smith, Helder, Father Luis, Edwin.
 - 5.) Dignity of work and rights of workers: Deacon Curtis Rodney, John Webster
 - 6.) Solidarity: Christina, Deacon Curtis
 - 7.) Care for Creation: Monsignor Tolentino and Darrell
- d. Darrell Smith will send updates on accomplishments on 2018 and plans for 2019.
- e. Lisa Taylor: Requests on the pastoral plan chart, add a line for discussions.
- f. Lisa asks John Webster if he could be in charge of collecting the money from all parish council members for the retreat. Lisa requests everyone to arrive early. Dinner will be on our own on our way to retreat. Saturday dinner will be at a restaurant at the invitation of the parish.
- g. Lisa asked all parish council members to decide on which vitality they will belong. Parish Council Members decided for the following:
 - i. Administration: Monsignor Tolentino, John Webster, Edwin Mendez, and Eliamelisa Gonzalez.
 - ii. Service: Anna Smith, Lisa Taylor.
 - iii. Worship: Father Luis Marroquin, Eliamelisa, Helder, and Edwin.
 - iv. Community: Deacon Curtis Rodney, Lilian Corvera, Maricela, Christina
 - v. Education: Darrell Smith, Anna Smith, Lisa Taylor, John Webster, Esnath, Jason, and Deacon Ealey.
- h. The idea on this is to make vitality grow and recruit more people.

IX. Administrative Matters

Lisa Taylor

- a. Parish Council Christmas Party - Jan. 7, 2018.. 7pm... Sign up genius: Lisa.
 - i. Eliamelisa will work on set-up.
- b. The Wagner's will be leaving Parish Council.
- c. We need new members that will take Wagners place. We also need a representation from Caribbean Community.
- d. **Parish Council Activity Dates July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**
2018-2019 Meeting Dates:
 - 1. Monday, December 3, 2018**
 - 2. Monday, January 7, 2019**
 - 3. Monday, February 4, 2019**
 - 4. Monday, March 4, 2019**

5. Monday, April 1, 2018
6. Monday, May 6, 2018
7. Monday, June 3, 2018

X. New Business

Darrell Smith

None

XI. Announcements

No announcements

XII. Closing Prayer 8:29 p.m.

Father Luis Marroquin

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Next meeting Monday, December 3, 2018(Notes from last meeting will be sent via email)

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.