



St. Michael's ATM Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Below is a summary of the Agenda items that were discussed during the meeting held in-person and via Zoom. Thank you to all who were able to join us.

Introductions:

- Attendees introduced themselves and their role in ATM.

Opening Prayer:

- Fr. Dan delivered the opening prayer.

May 11th Meeting Minutes:

- Will made a motion to approve. Paul seconded. Unanimously approved with no additions or corrections.

Budget Report:

- Kathy reported:
 - Current balance reflects April and May income and expenditures.
 - The final FY 2020-21 report will be presented at the next meeting.
 - The proposed FY 2021-22 budget has been submitted. Taylor confirmed that it has been approved.
 - The first FY 2021-22 report will be presented at the next meeting.
 - Karen Ames provided a list of donors who contributed to ATM from January thru June 2021. Thank-You letters will be sent.

August ATM Trip to Holy Family Parish (HFP):

- Mark is interested in going down to HFP during the weekend of August 13-15. He stated that we need to reestablish ATM's presence there so we can familiarize ourselves with both the people and their needs and vice versa. Fr. Dan supported this idea and suggested that small groups of 5-6 people try to go every couple of months and take advantage of using St. Michael House.
- Lauren stated that they are trying to plan a trip, which will probably be in the fall.
- Taylor advised that someone from the Diocese is going down the end of this month and Nora is going down early August.
- Paul asked that anyone, who is interested in going in August or any other time, to please let him know when and he will create a schedule.

Holy Family Parish (HFP) Council Coordination with Fr. Eric & Ralph Shawver:

- Fr. Eric will be gone the entire month of September.
- Fr. Eric personally delivered a framed artist's rendering of the Pope, which was hand drawn by Ralph Shawver and signed by various HFP parishioners expressing their appreciation to ATM and St. Michael's. It was shown to the group.
- Fr. Eric, parishioners, and two other local pastors are going on an 11-day community pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the Spring of 2022. Details regarding dates and specifics are in flyers, which Fr. Eric will send to Paul and Kathy. The trip will definitely be after Easter.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry resumed on June 9th at St. Thresa's and on the 16th at St. Mary's. They meet every Wednesday at 11 AM. We will check with St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry to see if they are interested in possibly coordinating with HFP's ministry.
- The first batch of HFP surveys has been mailed and received. Fr. Eric asked if we could provide him with copies. They will be reviewed and the outcomes will be compiled into a summary spreadsheet. A copy will be shared with Fr. Eric.

St. Michael House update:

- Will had no new updates.
- If you plan to go and stay at the house, be sure to clear it with Taylor Horvath so you can get the key. Her phone number is 804.527.1037 ext. 120 or E: thorvath@saint-mikes.org
- Kathy mentioned about the binder that was left in the ATM mailbox. Will agreed to review and update it. It needs to be determined whether it should be given to those planning to stay at the house or if it should be left there for informational and guidance purposes.

Teen Venture Center (TVC) update:

- Mark reported that he called several times and was unable to reach anyone.
- Paul and Kathy stated that they spoke with the new director, Runie Mensche. He began at the end of March and reported that things are quiet and uneventful since school has been out. On average, only 1-5 kids came when school was open, but now there is low or no attendance. The center is open M, T, TH, F, and SAT from 2-6 PM. Runie is currently looking for grants and other funding opportunities. There is a new board member, who is greatly valuable and is working through a funding challenge.

St. Michael's Life Teen Group & Tazewell Young Life initiative update:

- Natasha reported that she tried to call but was unsuccessful. She was told that she will be called later. She will follow up.
- Natasha will get Taylor's phone number to coordinate a conversation with ATM and the Sawyers.

Bluegrass Concerts update:

- Will reported the only scheduled concert this year is on December 17th with Donna Ulisse. He might try to get one more scheduled.
- Paul asked if there are any plans for the concert proceeds. It has not yet been identified whether the concert funds will be directed toward a specific cause or organization in Appalachia.

Strategic Planning/Finance Team June 23rd Meeting:

- The team worked to update the mission and vision in accordance with guidance provided from Fr. Dan.
- The next scheduled meeting is July 26th where ideas for the mission and vision will be narrowed down and then later recommended to ATM as a whole.

ATM & St. Vincent de Paul Collaboration Initiative for Southwest VA:

- We will use our support for HFP to look for how we can support the needs of those in the Appalachian area – not just areas corresponding with HFP.
- Current work involves getting the youth involved, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Young Vincentians.
- Paul has already brought up this idea with his contacts at different places in Appalachia. He and Dan are doing a Zoom meeting with them on July 21st.

RAM Update:

- Will be held the first weekend in October.
- Frannie Minton advised that there is a need for dentists. Fr. Dan said that St. Michael's has some parishioners who are dentists. Taylor will see about publishing something in Flocknotes and the bulletin.
- Need to check with Frannie about the need for funds and/or gift cards.

Liaisons' reports:

- Mark spoke with Donna a few weeks ago and told her about his plans to go down in August. She agreed that it is good for ATM to reestablish relationships.
- Laureen is writing cards to those in accordance with the new list she received from Nora and Lydia. It is confusing because some people have moved away and she doesn't know if they will be returning. She has chosen to keep writing to them until told otherwise by those individuals.

Correspondence/Acknowledgements:

- Thank-You letter received from Tazewell Ministerial Association was passed around. It was posted in the July 8 Flocknote, the July 11 bulletin, and on the ATM website.

- Kathy acknowledged and expressed appreciation to Fr. Eric for HFP's Mass intentions on June 13 for ATM members and during the weekend of July 3-4 for St. Michael's parishioners.

Calendar:

- July 17 – Fr. Eric's 17th Ordination Anniversary celebration with potluck at St. Mary's after Mass
- July 21 – Fr. Eric's Bible study of Revelations resumes
- July 22 – Haiti Ministry Meeting – Paul and Kathy will meet with the two new coordinators, Brian Pitts and Gary Sargent to share best practices for running a ministry.
- July 29-August 2 – Tazewell Young Life overnight camp - There are 18-19 kids going to camp in Windy Gap, NC where they will be in cabins. They have had some fundraising and ATM sent \$2,000 to support the camp. Approximately 13-14 kids have paid \$200 of their own money to attend.
- August 31 – RCIA Presentation – Paul and Kathy were invited by Annie McEntee, Coordinator for Initiation Ministries at St. Michaels, to speak about ATM and our outreach in Appalachia.
- September 14 – Next ATM meeting at 6:30 PM
- October 2-3 – RAM in Grundy

Other Items/issues:

- There was discussion about having the Back-to-School Drive. Since we have funds available, it was decided to send or deliver either a check or gift cards to HFP. The first day of school in Tazewell County is August 19. Fr. Dan and members agreed that we need to have the funds to HFP before August 13th.
- Will reported that hoodies and sweatshirts should be collected in lieu of hats, mittens, and gloves. There was discussion of having a drive to collect these items. He and Taylor will work on this and a message will be put in Flocknotes when decision is made.
- Paul mentioned that Donut Sunday is back. He suggested that ATM members can sign up to help and/or possibly have ATM host a Sunday. Fr. Dan suggested that we consider doing this sometime in November. We'd be able to provide parishioners with information on what we have done so far and the RAM event.

Closing Prayer:

- Fr. Eric delivered the closing prayer.

Attendees:

Fr. Dan Brady
Fr. Eric Anokye
Bernice Allen
Natasha D'Cunha
Taylor Horvath

Laureen Hyman
Kess Kessler
Will Langley
Mark Law
Janet McBride

Robert McBride
Dave Rosco
Kathy Smith
Paul Smith
Dona Whitehead