

# St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church Parish Council Meeting 824 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD June 6, 2022 @ 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. Jose Rodriguez, Lisa Taylor, Eliamelisa Gonzalez, Cristina Sian, John Webster, Helder Hernandez, Cynthia Lewis, Edwin Mendez, Esnath Mtonga.

I. Call to Order 7:12 p.m.

Lisa Taylor

II. Opening Prayer/Reflection

Msgr. Tolentino

Monsignor opened for all parish council members on Mary, Mother of the Church.

**III.** Approval of the May Minutes

Lisa Taylor

First: Cristina Sian

Seconded: Eliamelisa Gonzalez

## IV. Approval of Agenda

Lisa Taylor

Lisa will talk about any other issues that we need to address before the end of the fiscal year.

First: Eliamelisa Gonzalez Seconded: John Webster

## V. Finance Council Report

John Webster

Not ready yet for presentation. Lisa asks John if there is anything that John should bring to the Parish Council. John said no.

## VI. Hispanic Committee Report

#### **Helder Hernandez**

El Salvador del Mundo celebration to come in August. Second collections at the Masses in Spanish will be taken during the month of July and August.

We are tentatively preparing a immigration forum and a fund raising for our undocumented brothers and sister that are been dropped in Washington, D.C. coming from the border, and in which they do not have a place to live or to go.

Cynthia congratulated Helder on the power point presentation that he prepared for the New parishioners orientation. It is suggested that we add this to the parish website. Could we also add this to the bulletin?

#### **Evangelization** VII.

### a. New Parishioner Luncheon

The phone call campaign went very well. Next one will be on Advent and Christmas. As far as the new parishioners' luncheon, we had a 15% attendance, and it was very positive. We should do this again. Monsignor would like this committee to look into the lessons learnt in writing and add the recommendations. It would be a great idea to plan this bi-annual, or however you would like to do it. We should also have other ministries of the parish present.

#### VIII. 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Lisa Taylor

No report.

- a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person (Lisa Taylor)
- b. Call to Family, Community and Participation (Edwin Mendez)
- c. Rights and Responsibilities (Marisela Tobar)
- d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (Anna Smith)
- e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers (John Webster)
- f. Solidarity (Cristina Sian)
- g. Care for God's Creation (Jason Giovannettone and Darrell Smith)

#### IX. **Administrative Matters**

## Lisa Taylor

a. **Parish Council Membership** – We should have a handout to know the names and some information on each candidate to the parish council. We have some names already. Lisa will create a master list by next week.

Monsignor asks for us to add in the prayer of the faithful the diseased that died on Pentecost in Nigeria. Monsignor asks if any intention comes up to our minds to please send them along so we can add this to the prayers of the faithful.

Monsignor mentioned that at a parish in New York, he saw that on the cover of the bulletin, he saw pictures at recently events. We should also do this here at our parish.

**b.** Pictures/Bio for website – Parish Council, please send biographies as soon as you are able.

#### X. **Pending Business**

## Lisa Taylor/Parish Council

- a. Adding a 9:30 am Spanish Mass on Sundays To be discussed at the Town hall meeting in September.
- b. Volunteer for Photography and Videography We need volunteers urgently so whenever Scot is not available. Monsignor will speak to Scot to make sure we know whenever he is not available, so we can get another person to live stream the celebration.

- c. Hiring Process for New Religious Ed Director We have received other applications and are still waiting. Monsignor has an idea. Perhaps we have three candidates. Victor Henriquez is preparing this in one document to present to Monsignor Tolentino, and Monsignor will then decide, however he has another idea. The idea is when we get the new parochial vicar, the idea would be to ask the parochial vicar to serve in that capacity.
- d. Town hall meeting Will happen tentatively for Michaelmas weekend on Saturday, October 1. Committee on this town hall meeting need to meet soon. This would be: Father Jose, Lisa, Helder, and Cindy.
- e. Enhancing Security of the Church Next Tuesday, June 14, there will be a security meeting in person in Rockville. We would like to recruit a person to help secure church for 7PM Mass.

John Webster has a question about the handicap door. Monsignor says the plan is to replace all doors. Every building around the area has door. We should get this information from them to see if we can get some quotes. We were supposed to receive bid this week.

Lisa asks every leader of ministries to double check all the doors before you finish your meetings.

#### **XI.** New Business

# Lisa Taylor

Parish Council will not meet in July. Parish will be back in August.

Monsignor: We need to look at the membership of the parish council to see who is leaving, and who would like to stay. We also need to meet to make sure we have a great outcome for the Town Hall meeting. Monsignor needs to ask all PC members to make sure that we cover all necessary. Esnath asks: Are we allowed to present more than one name? Monsignor is happy to look at any name they can get.

John Webster: Will the output of the Town Hall meeting result in creating another 5 year plan? Monsignor said the answer is yes but it depends on all of us. Monsignor asks for 2 things: The synod and the five-year plan. Please look into the Synod and 5 year plan and see how both are moving in a similar direction, so that it might serve to the purpose of the synod or townhall be a five year plan. Maybe not a Five-year plan, but a three year plan. Monsignor thinks we are doing very well. Monsignor has not heard from anyone that the scheme, organization, or ministries need to change? Perhaps we need to look into what can be revived. The biggest work is listening. People want to be listened. We must find a way to look into this.

We hope to re-open the parish center in the next two weeks. With the Green Project, we should be starting this summer. Things are looking better.

Michaelmas Committee meeting? Eliamelisa was supposed to meet with Cecilia, but she has not yet. She will reach out to her this week. Lisa will also help out. Eliamelisa will speak to Cecilia when will they be available.

Monsignor: Eliamelisa has a 40 hour work week and you know how busy that is. Help does not necessarily needs to come from the council. Can we invite other people to join? We need to ask others to help. We should do a toolkit for Michaelmas planning. If we have names about those that attended the new parishioners orientation, please send them along to see if they can help.

First meeting with new members will be in September.

Cynthia asks: Is there a practice or policy about church organizations meeting in the church? Or do we need to continue to meet virtually. Lisa responds: Many ministries are meeting in person already.

# XII. Closing Prayer

**Father Jose** 

**Next Meeting: August 1, 2022** 

**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.