

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Council
Parish Council Minutes
March 1, 2010

Present: Msgr. Tolentino, Jane Molloy (Chair), Bob Johnson, Matt Mueller, Jim Robertson, Timothy Gondré-Lewis, Aimee Valenzuelo, Rob Noland, Charles Eames, Sharon Knight, Joanie Heavey, Tony Calaro, Deacon Ronald Ealey, Reverend Daniel Malaver, Bob Ebling, Deacon Steven Frye, and Kitty Ealey.

Absent: Edwin Mendez, Michael Jones, Carolyn Aliaga, Wendy Alfaro, Anka Ostrega, Lilian Juarez Cordero, Patty Marroquin, and Veronica Menjivar.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jane Molloy at 7:00 p.m.

The Council members recited the St. Michael the Archangel's Mission and Vision Statements.

Opening Prayer. The opening prayer was led by Deacon Steven Frye.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the February meeting were approved as circulated.

Strategic Plan Subgroup Report (Deacon Ron Ealey)

- The existing plan was designed to cover the period 2005-2010 so the document is ripe for review. The group is currently considering both the process and the categories and concluded that the next plan needs to include financial goals and objectives. This was not part of the earlier plan. The work is continuing and other members of the Parish Council are welcome to join the subgroup.
- Monsignor Tolentino played a podcast of a Roland Martin commentary based on Matthew 9:37 (The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few) to motivate us to get the work of the parish done and find people who are interested in and can help with parish activities.

Volunteer Appreciation Event Subgroup Report (Sharon Knight)

- The plans call for the Parish Council sponsoring a Gratitude Dinner for parish volunteers to be held in May.
- The dinner will be prepared by Parish Council members and will consist of pasta and sauce, garlic bread, salad and cake.
- Planning is continuing and other members of the Council members are welcome to join the subgroup's discussions.

Parish Financial Update (Rob Noland, Finance Council Chair)

- Rob Noland reviewed the financial status of the parish. He went over the cash flow statements that had previously been distributed and noted the need to get control of the cash flow.

- He noted that the school had a deficit of more than \$300K last year. He advised that the parish can sustain the school losses for this year but cannot continue to absorb such losses.
- The Finance Council has recommended that the school be closed if it is not able to be financially self-sustaining. To meet this objective and avoid closure, the school will need to have 210 full-tuition (or equivalent) students registered for the next term by the end of the month. (The Council was earlier advised that unless the school had 225 students registered for next fall, it would have to be closed. The budget was subsequently revised and the needed student count adjusted to 210).
- It was noted and agreed that Charlie is doing a terrific job as principal. He inherited the financial woes and has worked hard to strengthen the school and its financial situation.
- Monsignor noted that we needed to be transparent about the finances and financial situation of the parish and ensure that parishioners are aware of the financial status.

Pastor's Report

- Monsignor noted that many of his points had been made during the course of the discussion of the prior agenda items.
- He noted that a group of parishioners had undertaken a renovation of the crying room and were also renovating a confessional.
- He also noted that Ramon will make sure that school and church properties are properly locked at night.

Ministry Liaison Reports

- No questions were asked or comments made on the Ministry reports.

Other Business

- Valerie Day, a parishioner and former Council member, was recognized to raise a concern about the procedures for setting up for ministry events. She noted that a group had recently had to do their own set-up. She also expressed concern about the locking and unlocking of doors of storage areas and raised security concerns.
- It was agreed that a floor plan (for set-ups) should be given to Fr. Daniel or Manuel as in the past. The security issues remain a concern but are being taken seriously and are being addressed.

Agenda Items for Next Month's Meeting

- Follow-up reports from Strategic Plan and Volunteer Appreciation Event subgroups.
- School and financial status update.

Date of Next Council Meeting: Monday – April 12, 2010 (School Library)

With no other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Monsignor Tolentino read a reflection on humility and led the closing prayer.

Approved April, 12, 2010