

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Council
Parish Council Minutes
January 11, 2010

Present: Msgr. Tolentino, Jane Molloy (Chair), Bob Johnson, Bob Ebling, Anka Ostrega, Jim Robertson, Michael Jones, Carolyn Aliaga, Timothy Gondre-Lewis, Lilian Juarez Cordero, Wendy Alfaro, Aimee Valenzuelo, Patty Marroquin, Rob Noland, Charles Eames, Sharon Knight, Veronica Menjivar, Deacon Steven Frye, Joanie Heavey, Kitty Ealey, Tony Calaro and Deacon Ronald Ealey.

Absent: Deacon Roberto Salgado, Edwin Mendez, Reverend Daniel Malaver, and Matt Mueller

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jane Molloy at 7:05 p.m.

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

Opening Prayer. The opening prayer was led by Monsignor Tolentino.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the December meeting were introduced. The attendance list was corrected and Monsignor provided his Forward in Faith report as an attachment. With those modifications, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Parish Web Site Update and Discussion

- Anka Ostrega and Tim Gondre-Lewis continued their report on the development of the parish web site.
 - Given that this is the Year of the Priest, the ministry plans to feature interviews with the parish clergy and visiting priests in coming months. The school principal will also be interviewed for the site.
 - The ministry is also planning to create a 'New to the Parish' page and will also be posting directions to the parish on the 'About the Parish' page.
 - Future plans include posting headshots of parish clergy and staff members, ministry leads, and all Parish and Finance Council members.

Respect for Life Activities

- Brian Mitchell of the Social Justice ministry was expected to provide a report on these activities but he was not present at the meeting.

Lenten Evangelization Program

- Lisa Evans, a member of the Evangelization Ministry, outlined plans for the parish Lenten Evangelization program. The Archdiocese expects all parishes to implement a Lenten parish initiative focused on inactive Catholics. The program will be launched on Ash Wednesday and will include special sessions on Wednesday evenings during Lent and a Lenten revival series.

- A pastoral letter from the Archdiocese to Monsignor on the initiative is expected shortly.

Ministry Liaison Reports

- Ministry reports were acknowledged. There was brief discussion of the offertory program and the mass attendance counts over the holidays.

Discussion of Parish Council Article

- Monsignor discussed the article he had circulated earlier and suggested that Council members reflect on the best format for the Parish Council. He noted that we don't want to fall into the doldrums and should think about whether to embrace alternatives to the way we currently operate.

Pastor's Report

- Monsignor intends to appoint two new members to the Finance Council.
- The parish needs to focus on how to meet capital needs and to implement the structural assessment plan. He also noted the goal of increasing envelope use by 30%.
- At Monsignor's request, Charlie Eames passed out an outline of issues discussed that morning with Monsignor and called attention to several items including school goals and recruitment, emergency (but anticipated) roof repairs that cost \$57,000, and the upcoming Catholic Schools Week.
- Monsignor also reported that Deacon Salgado is being transferred to St. Gabriel parish.

Other Business and Agenda Items for Next Month's Meeting

- Parish Strategic plan review

Date of Next Council Meeting: Monday – February 1, 2010

With no other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Deacon Steven Frye led the closing prayer.

Approved February 1, 2010