

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Council Parish Council Minutes – November 2, 2009

Present: Msgr. Tolentino, Jane Molloy (Chair), Bob Johnson, Bob Ebling, Michael Jones, Carolyn Aliaga, Timothy Gondre-Lewis, Tony Calaro, Lilian Juarez, Aimee Valenzuelo, Patty Marroquin, Deacon Ronald Ealey, Robert Noland, Charles Eames, Sharon Knight, Veronica Menjivar, Joanie Heavey

Absent: Deacon Roberto Salgado, Edwin Mendez, Reverend Daniel Malaver, Anka Ostrega, Jim Robertson, Wendy Alfaro, Kitty Ealey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jane Molloy at 7:15pm.

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

Opening Prayer. The opening prayer was led by Deacon Ealey

1. Approval of Minutes

- The motion was made to accept the minutes from the October meeting; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Pastor's Report

- Monsignor spoke of his Mother's death and funeral and thanked Council members for their prayers and cards. He mentioned the attendance of Bishop Holley at the funeral and distributed Mass cards from the funeral to the group.
- He reviewed the financial status of the parish and asked Council members to give him names of parishioners who might be good Finance Council appointees.
- He observed that the required consultation meeting on the School had been held the preceding Thursday and noted that pastors, not the Archdiocese, are responsible for school closure recommendations. Monsignor noted that it was the mission of the parish, and the mission of evangelization to keep the school operating.
- He also reported on school issues left over from last year.

3. Report on the Archdiocesan School Consultation Meeting and Discussion of the Issues and Next Steps

- Council members discussed the Key Issues, Financial Status and Enrollment Trend documents that were presented at the Consultation meeting and also sent to Council members in advance of the Council meeting.
- The School Principal discussed actions that were being taken to shore up school finances and noted the support received so far for the newly-instituted scholarship funds, development actions and the school advisory board task force will meet prior to the next Finance Council meeting to approve tuition and budget recommendations.
- Members indicated strong support for maintaining a school if the parish could afford it but members also questioned whether funding proposals and budget that were presented were realistic and attainable

- Members also commented that the parish could not support competing development drives and that such efforts should be coordinated and prioritized, noting that funds are needed to spent on church upkeep and renovation and that the funds collected in the Forward in Faith drive had not been reserved for development but had been spent for general parish expenses.
- The Chair appointed a subgroup consisting of Rob Noland, Michael Jones and Bob Ebling to review and evaluate the funding proposals and budget documents and report and make recommendations for actions to be taken going forward. The group will present a report at the next Council meeting.

4. Ministry Fair/Enlisting Parishioner Involvement in Parish Ministries

- Bob Ebling reported on the Ministry Fair and questioned its effectiveness.
- Members discussed the need to develop other means of getting parishioners involved in parish ministries and activities.
- Members were reminded that Hospitality Sunday would take place the next weekend and that all members should plan to attend for at least part of the time and perhaps invite others to join them. A ministry sign-up sheet will be available during the coffee and doughnuts sessions.

5. Offertory Program

- Bob Ebling and Deacon Ron Ealey discussed the upcoming offertory program and reviewed the parish giving patterns .Over half of the current parishioners do not use parish envelopes.

6. Maryland Catholic Conference Advocacy Network In-pew Registration Drive

- Deacon Ron Ealey talked about the Advocacy Network program and indicated that an in-pew registration drive would be conducted during the last two weeks in November.

7. Ministry Liaison Reports

- Only one ministry liaison report was received by the deadline. That was submitted by Finance Council Liaison, Rob Noland.
- Council Liaisons were encouraged to submit reports next month.

8. Other Business

- Deacon Ron Ealey asked that next month's agenda include a segment on evangelization.

Date of Next Council Meeting: Monday – December 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM, in the Rectory Conference Room

With no other business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Deacon Steven Frye led the closing prayer.

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Approved December 14, 2009

