

St. Michael's Church
Parish Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes - 1/7/2020

Members Present: Lee Lauster, Rosemary Strub, Pauline DeCann, Chris Hasseler, Bridget Mann, Bob Hegeman, Chris Taylor, Lynne Poiesz, Cody Aquista

Members Absent: Fr. Tedesche, June Sherman, Carmella Owen, Sue Joslyn, Isabella Bailey

Opening Prayer: Rosemary Strub

November Meeting Minutes: November minutes were approved after the November meeting through e-mail.

Review of Cluster Meeting with Father Tedesche:

- † Each parish committee was given 15-20 minutes to share their thoughts and concerns. One of the members suggested shared communication across all of the parishes to help with attendance and provide opportunity for shared dinners, fundraisers, shared picnics, etc.
- † Mary Capone reported that there have been reduced collection amounts in a couple of the parishes. A suggestion was to have envelopes at these parishes so people who don't normally use envelopes can check the name of their parish on this new envelope, and their cash donation would be sent to the parish of their choice.
- † Lee reported that some parishioners asked her why we are considering a renovation and spending money. Lee suggested that we share with the parishioners what the plans are for the renovation and allow for their in-put.
- † Bob Hegeman said that Fr. Tedesche and the Building and Grounds committee review the plans from the architect. Their in-put/questions go back to the architect and then they in turn respond to Fr. and the committee. This is an on-going process.
- † It was stated that Fr. Tedesche did announce the project at a Mass several months ago in the fall. It was suggested that this should also be put in the bulletin. It should be mentioned which churches in the area also had renovation done by the same architect firm so people can visit to see what was done.

Fund Raiser Update:

Jackets -

- † Lee has suggested that instead of trying to order jackets, she is thinking of looking into selling knit hats with the St. Michael logo. We agreed that this would be a good choice for a fund raiser. Lee will discuss this with Fr. Tedesche.
- † Another suggestion was to sell reusable shopping bags with the St. Michael logo.

Breakfast/Dinner-

- † We do not yet have information on a breakfast or dinner fund raiser at this point. Bob Hegeman mentioned that Mitch Ruffalo had shown an interest in doing a spaghetti dinner. Chris Hasseler said that Monika Brunner has also mentioned doing a spaghetti dinner. Lee will talk to Fr. Tedesche about this, too.

- † Bob Hegeman spoke about the idea of a parish picnic for community building. An ice cream social was also mentioned.

New Items/Concerns:

- † There have been questions and concerns about a railing on the front street steps. Bob Hegeman said that this has not yet been resolved with the village. The village has suggested one post on each step – this is called an assist. Fr. Tedesche and Building and Grounds are still working on this issue with the village.
- † Some parishioners have asked to have the Franklin St. door of the church unlocked. It has been locked because the steps are very steep and there is a risk of falling. The door can be used to exit the building. It will be discussed with Fr. Tedesche.
- † Parish Council members would like to have Fr. Tedesche invite Lisette to our next meeting to speak about the Faith Formation program.
- † Comments were made that the young people really enjoyed their participation in the Christmas Eve Mass. Cody mentioned that there were some students there who had not attended Mass for quite some time. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should have a youth-oriented Mass once a month. We would need someone to organize these youth Masses.
- † It was mentioned that St. Michael's Church in Lyons does not have very many volunteers to assist at their Masses. Could parishioners from other parishes who go to Mass in Lyons be allowed to volunteer at the Lyons Mass?
- † Bob Hegeman had a few parishioners complain that there is too much mud in front of the St. Pauly shed slot/door. This makes it difficult to put their clothing donations in the shed. Bob will talk to Fr. Tedesche and Mary Capone about purchasing a few cement slabs to fix that area.
- † Listen to parishioners' concerns and bring them to Fr. Tedesche, Lee Lauster, or the next meeting.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE:

- † Don't forget to call the Parish Center (315-331-6753) to let Katie know that you will attend the Volunteer Reception on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th from 7-9 pm at the church hall.**

Opening and Closing Prayer Schedule:

- † March 3 –
 - Opening prayer – Bob Hegeman
 - Closing prayer – Pauline DeCann

Closing Prayer: Lee Lauster

Next Meeting: March 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Pauline DeCann