

St. Michael's Church
Parish Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes - 11/5/2019

Members Present: Lee Lauster, Rosemary Strub, Pauline DeCann, Bridget Mann, Bob Hegeman, Chris Taylor

Members Absent: Fr. David Tedesche, June Sherman, Carmella Owen, Chris Hasseler, Sue Joslyn, Lynne Poiesz, Isabella Bailey, Cody Aquista

Opening Prayer: Lee Lauster

September Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes was made by Chris Taylor and seconded by Bob Hegeman. All present approved the minutes.

Pastor's Report:

Church Exterior and Interior Repairs:

- † Church exterior needs – roof leaks around the bell tower and in two corners of the church need to be repaired first before any interior work begins.
- † Church interior needs – ceiling/plaster repair, and painting, adjustment to choir stairs for safety purposes – possibly a landing installed to eliminate the curve in the stairway, move tabernacle back to center of main altar, make confessional area into a Baptistry, move confessionals to back of the Church.
- † Parish has discussed these needs with Swaitek, a specialized company in church renovation. There are still questions that need to be answered and the Diocese needs to approve the project. Separate meetings were held recently with the architect and the diocese. Preliminary information from the architect will be sent in about two weeks followed by an estimate within four to six weeks. Following this information and estimate, decisions can be made about what needs to be done and when.

Building and Grounds projects

- † Repairs have been completed to the parking lot behind the church. During the excavation for the repairs, the foundation of an old rectory was hit. This increased the cost of this project.

Parish Council Meeting Schedule: Meetings will continue to be held at St. Michael's Church in Newark on January, March, May and June. In addition to these meetings, Fr. Tedesche will hold joint meetings with three members from each Parish/Cluster. The three members from St. Michael's Church in Newark who will attend these meetings will be Lee Lauster, Carmella Owen, and Bob Hegeman. These additional meetings will be held in the various churches within the cluster in the months of December, February, April, and possibly June.

Fund Raiser Update:

- † Jackets for fund raiser – Lee Lauster has not been able to get information together for jacket sale. At this point, we will wait until next fall to plan a sale.
- † We do not yet have information on a breakfast or dinner fund raiser.

New Items/Concerns:

- † Suggestion was made that a notice should be put in the church bulletin listing the Parish Council members. This way, parishioners will know who they can contact with concerns/questions. “We are Parish Council and we want to know what you think.”
- † Listen to parishioners’ concerns and bring them to Fr. Tedesche, Lee Lauster, or the next meeting.
- † Before the Parish/Cluster meeting on December 6th with Fr. Tedesche and our three Parish Council representatives, e-mail, text, or talk to Lee about any concerns parishioners have presented to you.

New Opening and Closing Prayer Schedule:

- † January 7 –
 - opening prayer – Rosemary Strub
 - closing prayer – Carmella Owen
- † March 3 –
 - Opening prayer – Bob Hegeman
 - Closing prayer – Pauline DeCann
- † May 5 –
 - Opening prayer – Bridget Mann
 - Closing prayer – Lynn Poiesz
- † June – TBA

Closing Prayer: Chris Taylor

Next Meeting: January 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Pauline DeCann