

**St. Michael's Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes - 3/3/2020**

**Members Present:** Lee Lauster, Pauline DeCann, Carmella Owen, Chris Hasseler, Bridget Mann, Bob Hegeman, Lynn Poiesz

**Members Absent:** Fr. Tedesche, June Sherman, Rosemary Strub, Chris Taylor, Sue Joslyn, Isabella Bailey, Cody Aquista

**Opening Prayer:** Bob Hegeman

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

**Review of Cluster meeting with Father Tedesche:**

Discussions took place concerning the following:

- ***Street level steps in front of church*** – the church is still working with the village to determine the best way to make those steps safer for use. One solution would be to put in assists - posts that are not connected to each other but would give people the support needed to step up to the main sidewalk safely. The village has not given their approval at this point in time.
- ***Icy parking lot and sidewalk by the school*** – The parking lot has not been salted this winter. Mary Capone was to call the owner of the business to discuss and make a plan on what to do in the future. In the meantime, Dom has been clearing and salting the sidewalks in front of the school.
- ***St. Michael's Church in Lyons*** – The church community in Lyons does not have enough parishioners who are able to serve in various capacities at their 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. Are there any Newark parishioners who would be willing to serve when attending Mass in Lyons?

**Faith Formation update from Lisette Bricco, religious education coordinator:**

- † A new at home program was introduced to the families in September. Seven Newark families (10-15 children) enrolled and were very dedicated in using the new program. It became evident that the program was difficult to use and therefore, parents felt uncomfortable trying to teach the children at home. It was determined that the program was not working so Lisette and Fr. Tedesche quickly worked on finding a different program.
- † In December, a new program was introduced using the Baltimore Catechism (many of us remember using this when we were in school). There are two books: Book 1 is used for grades 2-5 and Book 2 is used for grades 6-9. Fr. Tedesche found worksheets on line that enhance the Book 1 program and he created worksheets to be used with Book 2. Parents love this new program and are finding it very easy to use and understand. Lisette has had very positive feedback from the families.
- † Each month there are three lessons for the families to complete along with prayers that the children must learn, know, and write. The completed worksheets are to be handed in to Lisette at the end of each month. This can be done by scanning the worksheets and sending to Lisette, dropping them at the parish office, or turn them in when they go to Mass on Sunday.
- † Lisette meets with the families as a group on the last Sunday of each month at the Lyons Community Center to review what has been taught and learned. These review meetings are optional for the families. Lisette is working on finding a balance between parent involvement and monthly meetings.

- † Lisette looking for new ways and ideas to engage the families, to bring new families into the program, and to enhance the program in the future. She will have a meeting with the diocese to explain the program and her ideas, and to get their input and recommendations.

**Questions/input from Renovation meeting:**

- † The general consensus was that the information shared about the renovation was very thorough and well presented. The next step will be for Fr. Tedesche to present it to the parishioners and to decide on how the parishioners can be engaged with donations to this renovation.

**New Member Nominations:**

- † The members ending their three year term are Carmella Owen, Pauline DeCann and Bridget Mann. Isabella Bailey will be graduating in June ending her time as a youth representative. Lee will check with June Sherman to help find another youth representative to serve with Cody Aquista.
- † Nomination forms for new parish council members will be put in the pews the week after Easter. These forms will be available for two weeks. The parishioners nominated will receive a phone call to be sure they are interested. Names will then be drawn and announced at each Mass on the following Sunday.

**Staff Luncheon:**

- † The luncheon will be served to the staff on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. Food for the luncheon can be brought to the May 5<sup>th</sup> parish council meeting if you are not able to help on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- † Those helping with the luncheon on the 6<sup>th</sup> should be at the parish center at 11:00 am to help set-up.
- † List of those who signed up for food and helping at luncheon:

Lee Lauster	mac and cheese	yes will help
Carmella Owen	meatloaf	yes will help
Bridget Mann	green salad	yes will help
Chris Hasseler	veggie and dessert	yes will help
Lynne Poiesz	fruit salad	yes will help
Bob Hegeman	fresh fruit dessert	yes will help
Pauline DeCann	baked potatoes	yes will help
- † Foods that could still be dropped off for the luncheon include things like rolls/butter, soft drinks or juice, small veggie tray with dip, cheese and crackers, another hot veggie dish, another meat dish, etc.

**New Items and Concerns:**

- † Find ways to evangelize and build up
- † **Opening and Closing Prayer Schedule:**
- † May 5 –
  - Opening prayer – Bridget Mann
  - Closing prayer – Lynn Poiesz

**Closing Prayer:** Pauline DeCann

**Next Meeting:** May 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

*Pauline DeCann*

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