

Saint Michael Church, Newark, NY, Parish Council minutes for December 1, 2020

Those attending: Bob Hegeman, Lee Lauster, Chris Taylor, Gina Porter, Henry Banker, Father Mike, Father Felicjan, Carmella Owen (Finance Council rep), Rosemary Strub, Lynne Poiesz, and Chris Hasseler. Absent: Cody Acquista and June Sherman

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Council Chairman Lee Lauster. Opening prayer was said by Chris Hasseler.

Father Felicjan updated us on the Christmas mass registration. As of December 1, numbers for mass were: 4:30—147 registrations, 7:00—28 registrations, Midnight—44 registrations and 8:30—56 registrations. Capacity is 149. People need to have a ticket to attend if the church is full. Walk ins would be fine if there is room. We were encouraged to help spread the word about registration as many people often come to the holy day mass but would not be aware of the current policy. The question was asked as to who is going to keep track of tickets and admission especially since we haven't had ushers in a while. Perhaps we should have signs posted regarding the policy. The office will come up with a plan. Gina Donnelly is handling the details of a Facebook live video for 4:30 mass so people can attend from a distance if the church is full. Greeters for the masses are: 4:30 Bob Hegeman and June Sherman, 7:00 ??, Midnight ?? and 8:30—Lee Lauster.

The council sponsored Christmas decorating contest judges are Lee, Chris T., Carmella and Gina Porter. Deadline for registration is December 13. Spread the word.

We are still working on a plan for closing off the steps in front of church for the winter. The cable was taken down for a funeral and not put back up so kids were using it on the weekend with skateboards. This is a safety/insurance issue. Bob suggested a separate colored chain with plastic coating for each section of the steps. The ends would be snaphooks so they could easily be undone for a funeral and put back up after the service. Bob Hegeman will talk to Kip , cluster maintenance supervisor, and come up with a plan.

Lee reported on the hat fundraiser project. The hats are ready to go. She will pick them up. They are black with white lettering that say St. Michael Church, Newark. We are selling them for \$15 each starting Sunday December 6, 2020. A volunteer schedule was created.

Dec.6-- 8:15 Bob and Lee 10:30 Lynne
Dec. 13--8:15 Bob and Lee 10:30 Chris H.
Dec. 20—8:15 Bob and Lee 10:30 Lynne

Renovation update: there is a meeting the week of December 7 but nothing new for now. Someone came to look at the lighting.

CMA report by Father Felicjan: Our goal is \$44,851. We have collected \$15, 730 so about 40% of the goal. 129 people have sent in their pledge. No one has heard any

complaints. There was no interest in an outreach committee to call people who have not given.

Ideas were shared in regards to the \$2,000 stipend given us in the budget. The emphasis seems to lean toward children/family events. They included but are not limited to:

1. Easter egg hunt (where? COVID restrictions)
2. Parish picnic
3. Family movie with popcorn and/or snacks
4. Pasta night with a craft
5. Advent wreath workshop with pizza
6. Music program put on by our kids who play an instrument or sing (ask Bob Humphries to be in charge when we can do gatherings again)
7. Saint Michael Feast Day celebration September 29--Maybe kids could perform at this activity? We usually do a dish to pass supper.
8. When we can, reactivate home gatherings like bible studies or Purpose Driven Life programs.

We will address this list next month as we see how we are doing with COVID.

Parish Directory—no new information

Bob Hegeman attended a memorial at St. Patrick's Church in Macedon where his mother in law was a parishioner. It was for families of those who were lost in the last year. A candle was lit for each person lost. He said it was very moving and suggested we do something similar. Father Mike says that Clyde does this with the mass of remembrance. It is usually done in November to coincide with All Souls Day. Father Mike said we used to do it at St. Michael and agreed we should start or restart the ceremony. He will look into it.

There have been no active outbreaks of COVID in any parish though 6 priests have been quarantined. None ever got the virus.

December 12th is the day of penance from 10 am –noon.

December 12th from 1—3pm the Rosary Altar group will clean for Christmas.

The booklet, The Word Among Us, which has the daily readings for mass, is being used by more and more people since we don't have the missals. Do we have enough or do we need to increase our order? June, could you check?

Gina Porter did the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by Chair Lee Lauster.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Hasseler, recording secretary

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