

St. Michael's Newark NY Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9th, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Carmella Owen, Bob Hegeman, Gina Donnelly, Gina Porter, Peg Hartman, Gayle Addyman, Sue Joslyn, June Sherman, Chris Taylor ,and youth member Braydan Sherman.

Excused: Fr. Felicjan, Fr, Merritt, Isabella Humphrey, and Henry Banker

Opening Prayer Gina Donnelly at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve October minutes made by Chris Taylor, seconded by Gayle Addyman. Approved.

**Father's Updates:** June reported for our Priests. A second Euch Min. to be added for Holy Communion line during Mass. Those taking on the tongue will have to go to the Priest. Training for new/existing Altar Servers is coming up and will include safety precautions. 4 total Altar Servers will be retrained and we will have 2 new Altar Servers to train. We will have a total of 6 servers in all. June has had a professional look at existing area/old rugs for value. In total, value may be less than \$1000.00. May be offered up to Parishioners to purchase.

**Old Business:** Holy Water Dispensers. Discussion re: St. Mary's with Wooden encasement was described as attractive. The group discussed using some of this year's stipend as it hasn't been used for this year to purchase the dispensers. More research needs to be done regarding prices and supply. June and others will look on the internet and share findings.

**Renovation Updates** - Carmella gave a "hard hat" review last Sunday. We are more than half way through. Ceiling needed more repair than we thought in the stairways in the choir loft. Elevator shaft is being prepared with installation expected soon. The next big thing is refinishing the floors. We are still on schedule with Christmas Mass for return to home Church.

**Van Ministry**-Bob transports 3-4 people each week.

**New Business:**

\*June: Facebook and Website. Discussed with staff. Facebook is something that June does not want to manage. Our website is something that requires more of a skill set. One website for the whole cluster vs. our own was discussed. Also getting rid of fb altogether unless someone else manages it might be an option. It was decided more discussion is needed. We will need to think about it for now.

[Catholicparisheswwc.org](http://Catholicparisheswwc.org) is a great example of a shared website which is Western Wayne County. Everyone on Council is encouraged to visit the website to review prior to the next meeting.

\*Chris Taylor: Crosswalk sign-Greeters to place out at 8:15 Mass and then take back in after 10:30 Mass while we are in Lyons.

\*Christmas Lights Contest- We had our 1st contest last year. 8 homes participated. We gave away 3, \$100 Amazon gift cards. Judging was on Dec 20th last year with a committee, best religious, original, and whimsical themes. Everyone agreed to hold the contest again this year. Chris will compose an announcement and email to Katie ASAP. Braydan and possibly Isabella may consider dressing as Elves to visit the homes and give out candy canes to participating families.

**\*Other New Business:** Carmella thought about having a “Drive by Santa” Discussed and decided to table until next year when Church is reopened.

Closing Prayer: Bob H. for Henry.

- Next Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>. Opening Prayer: Braydan Sherman, Closing Prayer: Sue Joslyn

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