

Saint Michael's Church, Newark NY

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, 5 April 2022

In attendance: Fr. Merritt, Bob Hegeman, Carmella Owen, Christine Taylor, Peg Hartman, Gayle Addyman, Lynne Poiesz, Isabella Humphrey, and Henry Banker

The 1 Mar minutes were approved by Peg, 2nd by Lynne

Opening prayer: Henry Banker

Closing prayer: Lynne Poiesz

Two handouts:

- a) Meeting Agenda, dated 5 April 2022
- b) Parish Council meeting minutes, dated 1 Mar 2022

1) Father's Update (Fr. Merritt sitting in for Fr. Felicjan)

- a) Getting ready for Holy Week. Palms are here. Fr. Felicjan will be here for Palm Sunday.
- b) Tuesday Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Salvatore R. Matano at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. This year's Chrism Mass is one hour earlier in consideration of those travelling farther distances. Nine parishes from Church going. Van is filled and will depart at 4:30 from parish parking lot. Bob Hegeman is driver.

Question asked: Why can't Chrism mass start earlier in the day? Possible reason priests scheduling.

- c) RCIA: maybe one or two for next year.
- d) Triduum: all set. Only touch up remaining. Ft. Mike will discuss with June.
- e) Holy Thursday washing of feet: Have 9 volunteers, would like 3 more for 12 total.
- f) 12 Jun mass with Bishop / chicken Barbeque / raffle tickets / parish picnic:
 - 1) Bishop Matano will celebrate mass and is also here to see the church renovation. The following Priests will be invited: Ft. Peters, Fr. Jeff, Fr. Walter and Fr. Tedesche. Pat Albright will also receive an invitation.
 - 2) Barbeque ticket sale begins 1 May. Chris Taylor sent around sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to help sell tickets at the 8:15 and 10:30 masses. Additional information:
 - a. Nana's restaurant will provide following - chicken BBQ, salt potato, baked beans, rolls and Water.
 - b. Preparation cost is 9 (nine) dollars. We will charge 10 (ten) dollars. **Question asked:** where is extra dollar going? It was mentioned the extra dollar will help pay for silverware. Bob said unlikely there will be a profit (no profit expected).

- c. The Laurel house is having their chicken barbeque on 11 Jun. **Question asked:** will this take away from our sales? Consensus was let's see how it goes this year.
- 3) Raffle tickets: 10 tickets per family. Pick up family envelop with tickets starting this weekend in church gathering space.
- 4) Parish picnic: See notice in church bulletin, dated 27 Mar. Need help! Sign-up sheet in church gathering space. **Question asked:** what about having a cake wheel without money changing hands, instead use chips. Consensus: No! It would be more trouble that it is worth.
- 2) Status of food cabinet near front of rectory: Exact location TBD. No longer an Eagle scout project. Construction will be done by students from the Community school. On 7 Apr, Lisa, food closet manager, met with the POC at the community school to discuss construction plan.
- 3) Church cleaning volunteers: Peg said it is going well. There were 6 last time. It was well organized with a system in place. Each had an assigned job. Can always use more volunteers.
- 4) Interior church renovation update:
 - a) Lighting update: Last two meeting were cancelled. Initial completion time was 3 days, now going on 3 weeks. Electrician mentioned heavier wiring now required. Work on going. Fr. Mile mentioned lighting over tabernacle is too dim.
 - b) Touch up on going. For example, North stairway, dimming system.
 - c) Elevator: Not happy. Issues mentioned: (1) a person can get stuck in the elevator (installer mentioned it would never happen). (2) depending on size of wheelchair, only one at a time can fit inside elevator and maneuver of wheelchair is limited, particularly backing out. Button must be pressed and held inward for elevator to move. This may be difficult depending on person's ability. (3) Elevator still rubs against one section. Installer said this was not a stopper or issue.
- 5) Singing choir: Projecting a September restart time. **Question asked:** Where will the funding for rehearsals come from? Must get funding approval. At the May finance committee meeting this will be mentioned. Tim Schramm's and Dominic's offices must be put back together. **POC for this action** not identified.
- 6) Holy water Fonts: **Question asked:** When is holy water coming back. Decision up to Fr. Felicjan. Once restated it was recommended that Fonts be cleaned weekly. Carmella said she can wash them weekly.
- 7) Funding for youth ministry: Bob mentioned donating unused balance of \$2000 parish council fund to youth ministry. He said it is use it or lose it. Consensus was good idea. Fr. Mike mentioned it is a restricted fund. Check with Mary if can we do this.
- 8) Decorate church during Pentecost: Lynne will provide update at next meeting.
- 9) The Mary crowning: Rosey Alter Society will organize it.
- 10) Nominations for new council members coming up. Three leaving after Jun meeting. Therefore, three replacements are needed.
- 11) Mother's Day / Father's Day gifts:

a. For Mother's Day - 125 assorted color carnations will be handed out with a Mary card. Bob will order and pickup carnations. **For the Mary card I did not here POC for ordering it.**

b. For Father's Day - a pen will be handed out. POC for pen selection and ordering TBD.

12) Van usage: Van is being used. For example, it was used to pick up Saint Joseph's bread and for delivering cut-to-size lumber to upholstery shop for kneelers. 222 slats were delivered. The next upcoming usage is on 14 May at Long Acre Farm (Macedon). Designated drive is Henry Banker.

13) Kneelers: Pickup date pending. Upholstery shop will contact Carmella or Bob as kneelers are completed. Must decide to pickup in groups or all at once. Bob mentioned it will take at least 4 trips if all at once. Knights of Columbus from Shortsville said they can help with reattachment. Must give some lead way. Chris recommended providing drinks and maybe something to eat.

Next Parish Council meeting is 3 May @ 6:30. **NOTE:** Location TBD due to rummage sale.