

Minutes of St. Michael's, Newark, New York Parish Council meeting of May 3, 2022

April minutes approved by Lynne Poiesz and seconded by Gayle Addyman.

In attendance: Fr. Felicjan, Bob Hegeman, Carmella Owen, Chris Taylor, Peg Hartman, Gayle Addyman, Lynne Poiesz, Henry Banker, June Sherman, Braydan Sherman and Sue Joslyn.

Opening Prayer: Sue Joslyn

Parish Picnic: There will be a meeting for all who signed up for committee on Sunday, May 15th after the 10:30 mass. Quite a few BBQ tickets were sold this past weekend (30-40). We have to let Nana's restaurant know on June 1st the numbers.

Mother's Day flowers - Bob will pick up 125 flowers and June has 200 Mary cards and will have them at the church on Sunday.

Father's Day - Everyone in favor of the pens. They say "God Bless Dad" on them. June will order 125.

Fr. Felicjan report - CMA We are at 80.65%. Our goal is \$40819. We ave \$32,100. Next year our goal is \$1,000 less.

Picnic - Bishop is coming to celebrate mass but cannot stay for the picnic. He has another engagement. He will however greet people. We have invited Fr Jeff, Fr Tedeske (sp?), Fr Walter. We need RSVPs for BBQ.

Fr brought up trip to Buffalo and gave a handout. Tentatively scheduled for June 2, leaving church at 9:00 am. Visit shrines, basilica and cathedral. We need a driver before anyone can sign up. Perhaps someone from Palmyra or Ontario can drive as they have 3-4 drivers. Tour was mentioned, and Braydan determined that they do do tours Monday - Thurs from 1-5pm.

Food Pantry - No completion date yet. We need a week's notice. Have to call 811 2-10 days ahead before doing any digging. Code Enforcement has advise as to all the set backs and such and is OK with the plans.

Chrism Mas Update - beautiful mass, and everyone had a good experience.

Remodel update - "Light at the end of the tunnel". Lighting done.

Kneelers - Upholsterer has foam and material. We had to go with second choice color (pecan), because there was some miscommunication regarding the first choice and the availability of the same. We won't install until we have them all back.

Van - due for inspection month of May. Question was asked if we were taking possession from the Diocese.

New Business:

CMA shortage. What can we do about shortage? Want to "attack" the situation. Fr Jeff would address it every week. Advise parish that if there is a shortage, the money comes out of our parish account, lessening the availability of monies that the parish wants to do. Do insert in bulletin. Bob will speak at 8:15 mass and Carmella will speak at 10:30 mass, and Fr. Mike will say something from the chair.

June Council meeting - After much discussion, it was decided to hold the June meeting on June 20th at 6:30 pm. We have to do something to welcome new members.

We have to get nomination forms out, as the names will be picked on June 5th. We will be nominating 3 new members. We are not replacing the 2 that we lost. Carmella knows 3 people who are

interested. Two have been on council before and one has been chairman. It was decided that we would get a sub tray and chips and fruit salad(?) from Wegmans. Peg said she will take care of it. Office has Wegmans card. Should order enough for 15 people.

Lynne asked where we stand on the stipend. Fr. Mike was talking about any balance going to the youth group. It was mentioned that someone from Clyde was trying to get one going, but funds were needed to do so. We need something for the older youth in Newark. Everything happens in Clyde. We should alternate with Clyde and Newark.

Discussion was had about families not returning after COVID. Attendance is up, but not to the pre COVID level. It was mentioned that they have gotten out of the habit. Perhaps the picnic and the pot luck supper will help to bring people back. BINGO with white elephant gifts was mentioned for the pot luck supper.

Discussion about revamping Martha Ministry. The 2 women in charge can't do it any more. It has gotten out of hand. What started out as just refreshments after funerals has ended up as full blown luncheon. As of now, the hall can be used after funerals, but the families would have to provide their own food, etc. The kitchen need a full scrubbing, The refrigerator is not working, and it would cost \$1,000 to repair. Not worth it. Better off getting a new one, something energy efficient.

Closing Prayer: Peg Hartman.