

St. Michael's Newark NY Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
September 7th, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Carmella Owen, Bob Hegeman, Henry Banker, Lynne Poiesz, Lee Lauster, Renata Dewa (FC), Dan Barret (FC), Ron Guido (FC), Mary Capone (FC), Father Sierotowicz, Gina Donnelly, Gina Porter, Father Merritt, Peg Hartman, Gayle Addyman, Sue Joslyn and youth members Isabella Humphrey and Braydon Sherman.

Excused: June Sherman, Chris Taylor

Absent: n/a

Opening Prayer Fr. Felicjan at 6:30 p.m.

June minutes were previously approved via email over the summer

**New members were welcomed** – Peg Hartman, Gayle Addyman, Sue Joslyn and youth members, Isabella Humphrey and Braydan Sherman

**Annual budget and financials were presented by Mary Capone** – Credit lines of the Parish were reviewed. Motion to approve by Renata Dewa and seconded by Carmella Owen. Annual financials (year end 6.30.21) and budget for 2021-2022 were presented and reviewed. Unanimously passed. Balance sheet reviewed and unanimously passed. Copies are on file with the Parish and Diocese.

**Long term planning for the cluster-** Father Mike and Fr. Felicjan discussed the coverage for Masses and Church events for the cluster between the two Priests and that there are 3 separate Parishes, Councils, etc and the idea to discuss how we may be able to come together as one and how will we maintain what we have? Moving forward we may need to plan for eventual closure of Churches in the Diocese and also plan for Priest shortage. Having a 5 year plan is encouraged by the Diocese for the council to discuss. It was acknowledged that a plan for preparation should at least be in the beginning stage as it is a very time consuming and ever-evolving environment.

**Star memorials for the ceiling were discussed as a fund raiser.** General consensus was that it was a good idea. (St. Mary's in Canandaigua has done this. Mary will provide information on how this was done.)

**Officer update – New Chairperson-Bob Hegeman will be Chair, Chris Taylor as Vice Chair.** The motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Gina P to approve. All in agreement.

**Address/Phone numbers/email address-were completed in June**

**Conflict of Interest forms were completed and given to Mary Capone. Reminders were given to complete CASE training if hadn't done so.**

**Meeting and prayer schedules-** Bob will finalize and email before the October meeting.

**Renovation update** – On schedule. Deadline to be finished by December 15th. Parishioners are now encouraged to be part of the process. May email Carmella with any questions, separate email noted in the Bulletin.

**Van Ministry** – Bob Hegeman. Running every Sunday. 4 Riders for 8:15 Mass. All riders must meet at St. Michaels for pick up by 7:45 a.m. Currently, we do not have a volunteer driver for 10:30 Mass.

**Annual stipend** - \$2, 000.00 – previous suggestions include a Memorial Mass in November will likely be in Lyons due to renovation and a St.Michael Feast Day celebration deferred to 2022 when the renovations are complete. Candles were ordered and received for the Memorial Mass. New ideas include a machine for Holy Water presented by Bob and a family picnic in 2022.

**New Business:** Gina Donnelly-tabled for October Meeting

**Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**

**Closing prayer:** Bob Hegeman

**Next meeting:** October 5 th @ 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

**Opening prayer:** Chris T.

**Closing prayer:** Gina P.

Respectfully Submitted: Gina L. Donnelly