Parish Council Minutes, St. Michael’s, Newark, NY Meeting of November 8, 2022

In Attendance: Fr. Felicjan, Henry Banker, Carmella Owen, Braydan Sherman, Judy Bouwens, Peg Hartman, June Sherman, Dan Doyle, Gayle Addyman, Jonathan Umadhay & Sue Joslyn.

Absent: Isabella Humphrey

Opening Prayer: Gayle Addyman

Peg moved to approve/accept October minutes. Dan seconded. Passed and carried.

Old Business:

Euchre Tournament – Katie said it went well. Even people from Ontario attended. About 20 people. 6-7 tables.

Boiler – Boiler is working, but don’t know how long it will last. It will cost $30-75,000 to replace it. The Lyons company is not recommended - Buck Pitt Co. Sean Moran suggested Leo Roth. We have not yet gotten the part. Fr. Felicjan doesn’t know when it will be in. Dress warmly for church. Heat in chapel is working.

Kneelers are all done.

Roof is done.

Fr. Felicjan Update:

CMA – Need more action. We have the diocesan video and want to show it at Sunday masses. It was suggested that we do it on November 20th, but would need TV and computer, and that is needed for Faith Formation on that Sunday. It will be shown on December 4th. It was first suggested to show it after communion, but we are still having people leave at that time. Then a suggestion was made to show it instead of the homily. Father Felicjan said we could the homily and the video as it is only a 3 min video and could have a 2 min homily.

Bankruptcy – Chapter 11. $55 million is what the diocese will be paying. But each parish is going to have to give a share. The diocese will pay $35 million, and the parishes will divide up $20 million. Each parish’s share is based on their savings. Fr. Felicjan knows our amount, but it has not yet been announced to the parish, only the fact that we will have to pay a share. Although Fr. Mike did announce to Wolcott and Clyde. Fr. Felicjan has received no advice from the diocese as to what he is supposed to do.

Long Range Planning:

Planning group met October 19 and will meet again November 17th. Planning for the time for when we will have only one priest. We will give the Bishop our ideas, and then he can use them or change them. We have to do interim planning and get ideas, so that we are prepared for when the time comes, as it will come at come point. 58% of our priests are over the age of 70. There are only 133 priests in the entire diocese and only 3 in seminary. There is one priest between the age of 30-35, and we have him.

Ongoing Business:

Parish Involvement – still can use any ideas.

Spring Rummage Sale – Set up will be Friday, April 14th, and Sale will run April 25-29.

Ministry Faire – planning on holding it in the Spring after 10:30 mass at coffee hour.

First Family Faith Formation on went well. 4 families in attendance.

Volunteer Reception – scheduled for January 20 from 7-9 p.m. either in the Parish Center or Church Hall.

New Business:

Carmella has been approached by Monica regarding the church flowers. She has been providing them for the altar area out of her own pocket. She cannot do it any more. Cannot afford it. She has been funding baskets ad artificial flowers.

June mentioned that she advised Monica previously to bring in her receipts but has not done so.

We got rid of the pointed palms and that was first cleared with Monica.

Discussion was had that the statue of Christ the King would need something in the way of flowers for that feast day next Sunday.

Henry volunteered to pay for flowers for this week (and beyond, if necessary).

It was mentioned and discussed that people could donate flowers weekly in memoriam for the cost of $5. We could start something like that so there would be fresh flowers, but it would take some organizing. We will discuss this after the first of the year. We already have envelopes for Christmas and Easter for flowers. It was discussed that we should contact local florists, Flower Mill and White Rose, to see what they could offer us. June will contact the florists.

The financial issues of this would have to be discussed with Mary Capone.

Discussed that St. Joseph needed flowers, but that it was too busy at the Mary statue, with the Baptism font and the altar server chairs. Thought was that flowers were not needed there.

If we do memory flowers, the thought was that we would move them to the chapel during the week so that they could be seen during the week and not just on Sunday.

Peg volunteered her two peace lily plants that aren’t too large.

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Next Meeting is December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in church hall.

Closing prayer – Jonathan Umadhay

Respectfully submitted

Sue Joslyn, Secretary