

St. Michael's Church
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 4/3/18

Members Present: Father Jeff, Carmella Owen, June Sherman, Lee Lauster, Terry Clark, Theresa McCue, Chris Hasseler, Gina Porter, Isabella Bailey, Joe Loson

Members Absent: Henry Hann, Joe Malach, Bridget Mann, Pauline DeCann, Peter Vogt

Opening Prayer: Terry Clark

March Minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report:

- CMA is short of our Parish goal by \$528. Twenty-seven households that contributed last year have yet to do so this year.
- School Building: \$100,000 from RestoreNY has been awarded to the Housing Authority this year. Board meeting for the Housing Authority is mid-April, after this Council Meeting. The Housing Authority will contact Father with results. The Boiler has been down twice in the past week, water leak and steam leak. It has been repaired once in the past week but repairman needs to be contacted again. Addendum: Several days after our Council meeting it was determined that the boiler is too expensive to repair. Heating in the building will be turned off and faith formation/youth group sessions will be moved to the Church Hall.
- Festival Update: It has been learned that the Firemen will not be having a festival this year. Raffle Tickets have been available for pickup for several weeks in the gathering space. Tickets will be available for pick up one more weekend before they are mailed out. Bounce houses, Eurobungy jump and rock wall still not confirmed as ride alternatives for our festival. Cost and supervision still has to be confirmed before we commit to these options. If we have the rock wall and Eurobungy we will also be committing ourselves to getting the bounce houses from the same provider. Discussion on if the rock wall/ Eurobungy jump are worth the expense. If the cost is \$1,200 and we charge \$5/ride we would need 240 people to purchase tickets, this is a Saturday only event so in a 9--hour period we would need 27 people to buy tickets every hour. The next festival meeting is 4/23 at 6:30 in the Church Hall.

Regional Planning: No updates at the time of the Council meeting. Next Regional Planning meeting is 4/4.

New Pastoral Council selection: Gina, Lee and Chris willing to put their names in again for selection. Three names to be selected for a three year term in May.

Greeter Ministry: No updates at this time.

Upcoming Events:

- Holy Hour 4/18 at 6 PM
- Spring Rummage Sale 4/24-4/28
- Staff Luncheon- 5/21 noon

New Business:

- We have received an invitation from CareNet to participate in their 30th Anniversary Community Ministry Fair on June 16 (10-2) in Newark Central Park. It was discussed if we want to participate. Lee and Carmella willing to work the booth and Gina can help with a brochure. Ideas for items to distribute and discuss at our booth: History of our Parish, what it means to be Catholic, what we do for the community (examples: donate to the Food Pantry, support House of John and Laurel House, Family Festival, rummage sales, Christmas Giving Tree, etc..)
- A call for Council members to be more supportive of our youth. Very few attended the Living Stations performed by our youth.
- No applications have been received for our open Youth Minister position. Ideas may come from the regional planning process but it is too soon for that to be determined.

Closing Prayer: Chris Hasseler

Next Meeting: 5/1/18 in the Church Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Lauster