

**In Attendance:** Fr. Jim Benz, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Mary Bryne, Celeste Leuck; Mike Mohrmann, Lynn Owen, Donna Pundmann, Al Rothermich, Tony Scoggin, Laurie Steinkamp, Chris Unterreiner, Deb Young  
**Excused:** Ann Ficken, Dan Pelikan

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**Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the November 25 meeting were approved as submitted.**

Jason Boschert, new president of the Men's Club, joined the meeting to observe and become familiar with the parish council process. Jason believes that communication is key and wishes to maintain open lines of communication. The council thanked Jason and the Men's Club for their service. The Men's Club is doing more marketing to attract new members and raise awareness.

### **Formation – Forming Intentional Disciples**

Mike enjoyed how chapters 5&6 are laid out. Laurie wondered where our parish is on the scale and suggests the Legion of Mary read the book. Celeste asks, "What can we do as a parish?" Al agrees with the book that tailoring the message to where people are is important. Mary wonders how we reach people with a personal connection. Celeste asks why we are uncomfortable talking about Jesus. Father mentioned Cursillo and how it relates to these chapters: "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." How do you be intentional, especially between stages? Mary encountered that trust talked about in chapter 5 through CRHP and believes the social gathering will help bring others to Christ. Al found this through the small faith communities. Father encourages all parish council members to go to CRHP. Deacon Mark notes that a passion for Christ is what draws others and ignites their curiosity. Why are people afraid to show their passion? Celeste agrees with the book: forgiveness and asking for forgiveness are distinctly countercultural.

### **SWOT**

The SWOT subcommittee met and got some responses from those in ministry leadership positions as well as staff of the church. They consolidated the responses and shared the list with the council. The next step will be to select actionable items from the list for the council to focus on.

Jason wants to see the gym and soccer field added to the weaknesses list. In the gym, the floor, sound panels, and paint all need to be updated, and the HVAC system needs to be cleaned from the inside out. The council agrees that these improvements need to be made, but worries that parishioners may feel that is what the Endowment Campaign was supposed to be for. The Archdiocese does lend money to parishes and this is one avenue that could be explored if the necessary funds cannot be raised (in time).

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Father suggested possibly beginning a new capital campaign as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. He provided a list of parishes who recently celebrated major anniversaries. St. Cletus will draw on their wisdom when planning our own celebration. The council will, individually, contact each parish on the list and record answers to a provided list of questions for an anniversary committee to consider. Laurie will coordinate gathering the responses and consolidate for the council to look at during the February meeting.

### **Pastor's Time**

The Endowment Committee will decide by 2/28 how much money will be removed from the Endowment to be used by ministries in FY2015. Ministries will submit requests for funds to the Endowment Committee.

The council thinks Suppers 8, a small group based around sharing dinners with fellow parishioners, is a great idea. Some wondered if a ceiling or cap needed to be placed on the dinner to prevent an escalation of main courses. This program would benefit new parishioners the most, allowing them to meet and get to know others in a short amount of time. Suppers 8 will wait until after Easter to launch so as not to conflict or distract from small faith groups during Lent. The couple who brought the idea to Father will be organizing and administrating the new ministry.

Men's CRHP: March 15-16      Women's CRHP: March 29-30

Jason Boschert added, as a news item, that a volleyball coordinator is needed to keep the school volleyball program alive. A note asking for volunteers will be included in the bulletin.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, at 7 p.m.*