

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 26, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the July 29 meeting were approved as submitted.

A presentation by the Legion of Mary scheduled for the July meeting was deferred to a future month.

Formation – “Call to Prayer”

The council discussed the booklet covering gay marriage and the view of the Church on the topic. The discussion centered on the fact that the Church calls on each of us to “love the sinner, hate the sin”.

Parish Council Retreat

- Donna Pundmann suggested that the retreat include some music, if possible.
- Mike Mohrmann also suggested that the Council discuss who should step into the role of Council President for the coming year. His term will conclude at the end of this year. The next president will serve during the third and final year of the current council.
- The retreat is on October 12 and will start at 8:00 at the St. Ferdinand Shrine. The expected ending time is 2:30.
- If anyone would like to carpool, meet at St. Cletus before 7:30 that morning. The cars will leave promptly at 7:30, so if you are not at the church at that time, plan to drive yourself to the retreat. A google map will be provided in advance for directions.

Pastor’s Time

- Father encouraged everyone to take the time to read the minutes of Parish organizations that are being distributed. The consensus is that the minutes are helpful and should be continued.
- St. Cletus will be hosting a seminarian, Clay Kimbro, on the week-ends during the school year.
- Father shared a letter that will be sent to all day school families encouraging them to attend Mass on the week-ends. Father will also be reaching out to Sr. Glavin at Academy of the Sacred Heart to consider to send the letter to St. Cletus families with children attending school there.
- Mass on the Grass will be held on Saturday, September 7. A barbeque dinner will be provided by the Men’s Club. All who will be attending are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share, but the barbeque meat will be provided free of charge. Celeste suggested the event might be a way to invite families who are not consistent about attending Mass.
- The Parish Mission is still planned for early November and will be led by two deacons who have led retreats in other parishes.
- The council discussed two recent St. Louis Review articles regarding Catholic education. The need for additional marketing of the advantages of Catholic schools over public schools was also discussed. Father suggested a joint meeting with the School Board to brainstorm marketing ideas.
- Jim and Deb Young are planning to attend the Missouri Catholic Conference on September 28 in Jefferson City. If anyone else is interested in attending, please let Father Jim know.

Agenda Meeting for September is on September 10, at 7:45 a.m.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m.; location TBD