

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes July 29, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the June 26 meeting were approved as submitted.

Adult Formation Committee update

Ken and Barb Potzman provided an overview of their committee. Highlights from the discussion include:

- The committee's goal is to provide formation and growth. The group is large and very active. Some venues have been successful while some have not. St. Cletus tends to prefer live speakers, and the adults seem to want to be entertained.
- The group is open to suggestions. Dan suggested a catechist theme. They are looking at some type of Lenten program and trying to figure out how to reach the 40-year age group. Chris suggested shorter time lengths would be better received.

Formation – Straight Talk about Religious Liberty

The council discussed the booklet including how we are coming out of a period of non-persecution. Freedom of religion does not mean freedom from religion. We are seeing a culture of the "Nones" as in no affiliation. We can't be afraid to offend as we claim our freedoms.

Parish Council Retreat

Mike Mohrmann announced that he will miss the retreat because of his 25th anniversary trip. Jim LaVictoire discussed possible formats of the retreat. Some topic ideas discussed were: 1. How can the Parish Council get behind these groups like Adult Formation? 2. The role of the council in the parish. Perhaps a review of the council's mission statement is in order. 3. Are we doing anything about the future of the school? 4. How has the spirit led us in the past, present, and how can it lead us in the future? We also discussed outreach and evangelization in terms of how can we draw people back to St. Cletus from the hospital mass, and how can we keep them once the kids are out of school. We will continue to refine our topics as the retreat approaches.

Father's Notes

- Deacon Mark McCarthy has been invited and has accepted the position of Pastoral Associate. He starts August 5.
- The Stewardship committee is asking groups to come to a meeting tomorrow night (July 30). Each group will be asked to come up with a tri-fold to explain their activities on Stewardship Sunday.
- The Legion of Mary wants to visit families who are not active. Identifying these families will be difficult. The only mechanism we have is contribution records. Lots of discussion followed on how contributions are not an accurate way to measure participation.

Agenda Meeting for August is on August 12 at 7:45 a.m.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.