

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 28, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the September 17 meeting were approved with the change of the end time of the retreat.

Formation – Forming Intentional Disciples

- The new formation book is Forming Intentional Disciples. The discussion of the first two chapters was deferred until the November meeting.

Leadership Roles for 2014

- New leaders for the Parish Council will begin their terms in January. All members are asked to please come to the November meeting prepared to volunteer to be Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary if desired.

Pastor's Time

- Deb Young is planning to attend the Pastoral Assembly. Father Jim is asking for one other member to attend if possible. Laurie Steinkamp is checking her schedule for availability.
- Father will be meeting with other pastors in St. Charles in the coming week. He will bring up the idea of getting the area Parish Councils together to share ideas.
- Scott Barton has suggested a joint meeting among the PTO, School Board and Men's Club regarding the new alcohol policy at child-focused events.
- The Parish Mission will be held Monday, 11/4, through Wednesday, 11/6, at 7:00 each evening.
- Mass for parishioners who have died during 2013 and their families, as well as any families who have lost loved ones during the past year will be held on 11/7 at 7:00
- The Mouse Races fundraiser will be held on 11/9.
- The St. Vincent DePaul Quilt Social will be held on 11/10.

Legion of Mary – Barry McCauley

- The primary objective of the Legion of Mary is to “foster devotion to Our Lady”.
- The legion currently has 7 active members. They also have an auxiliary branch where members say the rosary and prayers daily.
- On November 24 they will be hosting a “book borrow” in the vestibule of the church. Parishioners are invited to borrow books and return them for others to borrow.
- One team has been going on house-to-house visitations. They have visited all new parishioners who have joined the parish in the past 2 years.
- They hold perpetual help devotions at 7:45 am on Tuesdays. – all are invited
- There is a Rosary recited every Sunday in the church immediately after the 7:00 am Mass. – all are invited
- They have been considering visiting all parishioners who, for whatever reason, have not been using their contribution envelopes to try to find out why they are not coming to church. It is not intended to be a financial contribution call, but instead the envelope usage is simply a way to try to identify parishioners who might need an invitation to come back to church. The source of the list would not be disclosed.
- Barry asked for the council's help in getting a list together for such visits to begin.
- There will be reflection books available for Advent, Lent and the Easter Season. The funding is primarily provided by the members of the Legion of Mary, with some help from the Parish Endowment.

Parish Council Retreat

- There was discussion regarding the next steps to be taken following our retreat. The SWOT analysis was determined to be the best next step and the council discussed how to best accomplish that. It was decided that a small subgroup would meet to propose a SWOT process to be followed. That group, which includes Celeste Leuck, Ann Ficken and Dan Pelikan, will present their proposal at the next meeting.

Other

- Deacon Mark McCarthy asked the council to observe the number of signs that are posted in the gathering space and on church doors over the next several weeks. He feels that there is too much being posted and would like thoughts on a process or policy regarding it. We are asked to pay attention over the next couple of weeks with a proposed policy in place in early 2014.

Agenda Meeting for November is TBD.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, at 7 p.m.