

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the September 30 meeting were approved as submitted.

Formation – Evangelii Gaudium - Chapter 5

The group appreciated the emphasis on Mary as part of this chapter. The chapter pointed out that things are not harder in today's society, just different than the past. We are more aware of issues than earlier generations because information is so easily shared. History shows, though, that there have always been issues.

As an example, Deb mentioned that at the Pro-Life Convention that in today's world slavery is viewed as evil. In future generations, it is believed that abortion will be viewed as evil. This illustrates how things can be different, but not necessarily easier or harder than other generations.

Pope Francis tells us that God wants us to "enter into the reality of other people's lives". He wants us to truly know what others are going through in order to do our part to help.

It was also discussed that it is important for us to realize that while we might not see the results of our prayers, the good from them could be happening somewhere we'll never see. Our motivation, therefore, should be only to serve God.

Parish Council Selection Process and Transition

- About a dozen parishioners attended the information session.
- The session went well and a lot of good questions were asked and answered.
- Based upon the rather light turnout, the council discussed the potential of not having enough candidates to result in 12 members for the next council. It was decided that if less than 10 participate in the Spiritual Lottery, the parish will have a smaller council for the next term and that is allowed under the guidelines.
- The agenda for the selection meeting was reviewed, and amended to remove an unnecessary break.
- In December, the new council will attend the Christmas Party. A new monthly meeting day and time will be determined by the new council at that event. Current members are encouraged to make the new members feel welcome at the party.
- A date will be set for the new council to meet with Joan Thoma from the Archdiocese early in January. Father Benz will work with Ms. Thoma to arrange for it.
- The current council will meet for the last time in January, along with the new council, to provide for a smooth transition.
- Current council members can return their binders to be used by the new members.
- The Christmas Party will be on December 18 at 7:30. Laurie volunteered to help coordinate the food.
- Celeste will prepare an email for the new council with some helpful hints and ideas from the experience of the current council.

St. Cletus 50th Anniversary Celebration

- Letters have gone out inviting all priests and deacons who have served at St. Cletus to come back to the homecoming event in January, as well as to come for Mass one week-end during the year. Father Benz has volunteered to sub for any local priests to allow them the time to come.
- A couple of people have contacted Father Benz to volunteer to help with the homecoming event in January. There is still a need for a contact point back to the full committee and father will ask those who have volunteered to try to recruit friends to help.
- The KC Council in St. Charles has offered to help at St. Cletus in some way, so Father Benz has asked them to help work the event in order to allow parishioners to enjoy it instead of working it.
- Msgr. Telthorst will host a Parish Mission March 3-5 as part of the celebration.
- Msgr. Hickel will celebrate his 60th anniversary of his ordination in 2015. A party is being planned for mid-March. St. Cletus is partnering with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Paul and Duchesne High School for the event and it is planned to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on a Saturday afternoon.

SWOT Committee Update

- The current council would like the efforts on socialization to be continued by the next council.
- Ann will continue on the Finance Council, and there will need to be a representative from the new Parish Council. Ann will continue to follow up on the finance related SWOT items and report back to the new council as necessary.
- A committee to lead the Facilities Task Force has been pulled together but has had a slow start.

Pastor's Time

- Father will send an article for the formation discussion at November's meeting.
- On 11/15, David Keys will be doing a reflection on the Shroud of Tourin in the Parish Hall.
- Father asked Chris to work on a design for the parking lot banners for the 50th anniversary.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00.