

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 26, 2015

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Mark Stahlschmidt, Al Rothermich, Ann Roussel, Jim Worland, Laurie Steinkamp, Beth Hill, Bev Frein, Richard Marquard, Beth Del Rosario, Annie Dowdy, and Jerry Stolin

Excused: Deacon Mark McCarthy, Kelly Bury

Overview

- Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 pm.
- We again introduced ourselves and addressed “How do you come to the meeting”.
- The minutes from the September 28, 2015, meeting were reviewed & approved with some minor corrections.

Formation:

- Picnic Committee - Jason Holtgrewe was unable to join us this evening.
- Giving Tree Committee - Cindy Roth was unable to join us, so Beth Del Rosario provided us with an update.
 - Adopt A Family Program - We will not be sponsoring the program this year, instead it will be handled by Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish. Notice of this change has been in the bulletin along with information on who to contact if interested in adopting a family.
 - Giving Tree program – We will have a lit tree this year.
 - Ornaments will be for Birthright, Tuition, and St Vincent’s Emergency Fund.
 - The tree will go up Nov 12th, and the ornaments will be placed on Nov 13th.
 - Gifts will need to be returned by the weekend of December 11th & 12th.
- Old & New Business
 - Our Parish Council Retreat – We are moving forward with our goals from this retreat. Al provided us with copies of the posters which outlined the objective/goals which we ID as important.
 - The top two goals are:
 - Monthly “education” theme/focus – catholic updates
 - Parish sponsored retreat - 2 days - 6 hrs. Each day – Both male & females
 - Possible speaker: Zip Rzeppa - approximate cost \$400
 - Others Initiatives:
 - Adult Formation – How much of the bulletin do you read?
 - Conducting another survey
 - An evening bible study
 - Legion of Mary - survey was discussed:
 - Reviewed the surveys used by St Elizabeth Ann Seaton & St George
 - A representative from St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton has offered to meet with us to discuss their program and explain how they conduct their door to door contacts.
 - We recommended the following 3 step approach:
 - Start after the 1st of the year sending out a written census form,
 - Followed by contacting registered parishioners who did not respond to the written census
 - Then branching out to residents within our boundaries
 - Al agreed to summarize everything and to send the Legion of Mary our thoughts & recommendations.
 - November Meeting Ministries: Stephen Ministries & RCIA
 - December Meeting will be our Christmas Party
- Pastor’s Time
 - 50th Anniversary –Our Fall Festival will be held on Nov 15th. It will include dinner (Chili or Mac & Cheese), lots of fun activities. It all wraps up with fireworks. This **will not** be a fund raiser.
 - Parish Planning – The last meeting took place on Oct 3rd. Father Jim then prepared the final report & sent it to the Archdiocese.
 - Name Tags – 79 parishioners have now signed up for new name tags.
 - Jim & Deb Young attended the Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly on October 3, 2015 in Jefferson City. They have agreed to provide us with an update at our November meeting.
 - Our January meeting will be moved to January, 18th due to a conflict with the Financial Committee.
- Conclusion
 - Jerry Stolin was kind enough to provide us with our closing prayer & Ann provided the snacks
 - Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015 @ 7 pm. Rosary will start at 6:30pm