

## St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 23, 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, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Kelly Bury and Jerry Stolin

**Excused:** None

### Overview

- Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 pm.
- We again introduced ourselves and addressed “How do you come to the meeting”.
- The minutes from the October 26, 2015, meeting were reviewed & approved with some minor corrections.
- Jim Worland was the reader for our opening prayer and provided us with our closing prayer.

### Formation:

- Stephen Ministry – Sue Witte had another meeting, so was unable to join us this evening.
- RCIA – Deacon Mark and Bev Fein provided us with an outline of our RCIA program. They currently have 8 members & they normally serves from 8- 16 annually. Their long range goals are to maintain & improve the formation process while remaining consistent with the church’s teaching & they continue their evangelization.
- Mo Catholic Conference – Jim & Deb Young provided us with an update on the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> conference which they attended. The conference was held in Jefferson City at the Capitol, and is open to everyone. There is no charge to attend and they cover some excellent & important topics. Fourteen workshops were provided, seven in the morning & seven in the afternoon. They attended the following workshops:
  - How Do We restore Ethics & Personal Integrity to Public Life.
  - Religious Liberty After Obergefell v. Hodges: Where Do We Go From Here?
  - The Paramount Importance of Catholic Education. 94% of our priest’s come from Catholic Grade Schools & 92% from Catholic High School
  - Promoting Justice in Ending Racism

The Conference concluded with Mass presided by Archbishop Carlson & other Bishops from around the St Louis area.

- Old & New Business
  - Moving forward with our retreat outcomes - .
    - The top two goals are:
      - Monthly “education” theme/focus – catholic updates
      - Parish sponsored retreat - 2 days - 6 hrs. Each day – Both male & females
    - PC Leadership Election – Al addressed & suggested everyone consider potential new candidates
  - Pastor’s Time
    - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary –Our Fall Festival which was held on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> turned out extremely well. We had a fabulous day & everyone seemed to be having a great time. It all wrapped up with fabulous fireworks.
    - Pope Francis and the Environment – Climate changes & how we can make a difference - recycling
    - Parish Vitality – parish wide meeting that addressed our deficits & assets and addressed.
    - beOne – Laura, Rich & Beth participated in the beOne meetings.
      - The church consists of the people, not just the priests, deacons, nuns other religious individuals.
      - It ties into the goals from our Vitality Study.
      - We need to reach out to other Parishes.
      - Parish council should reach out to other councils, so how do we break down the barriers & partner with other parishes
      - Key Priorities:
        - Embracing a culture of leadership
        - Fostering missionary discipleship
        - Promoting human dignity & social responsibility
        - Securing the future of Catholic education
    - Sunday Mass Times Changed to 7:30 am; 9:30 am & 11:30 am – Some parishioners found others sitting in their normal seats, however, all appeared to understand the reasons for these changes.
    - Our January meeting will be moved to January, 18th due to a conflict with the Financial Committee.
  - Conclusion
    - Rich Marquard was kind enough to provide us with snacks for our meeting.
    - Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.