

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved as submitted.

Formation – “Faithful Aspirations” from Sept 1-8, 2014

The Catholic Church has “wide arms”. We are hanging on to those barely hanging on. We all have gifts to give and we then blossom. We are just repeating what Christ said. Pope Francis says to “open up the doors, let’s get away from our small-minded approaches.” It is as if Francis is pointing out a vast ocean of divine love and grace and inviting us all to swim in it, letting as many into that ocean as possible.

Father gave an account on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly from Sept 24, 2014. The initial report was given to us by John and Mary Rabbitt. Three key items to getting un-church people back in church: Music has the greatest potential to reach people. The second is the message or homily, and the third key is the volunteers or ministers. A motion was made to turn this over to the new Parish Council.

Parish Council Transition

- New Parish Council members will use the book “Rebuilt” to describe best practices.
- The joint party will be held Dec 18 with new members. Laurie to coordinate what everyone is bringing, Everyone should wear his/her nametag and be welcoming to the new team.
- Father Benz had a letter written by Al Rothermich to the new council members helping them to transition into the council i.e.: date of Jan meeting, upcoming training session to be held Jan 17, 2015 from 9-1:30pm, Christmas Party invitation
- Dan suggested we have a mass to precede the first meeting in January. Father then suggested we have a mass in the weekday mass chapel at 6:30pm.
- Outgoing parish council should turn in binders at the Christmas party or Jan mtg.
- Celeste will revise the website to store twelve months of Parish Council minutes on the main page and will archive the rest.

St. Cletus 50th Anniversary Celebration

Kick-off party is to be held Jan 10. Cindy Clegg is heading the committee. They are looking at off-site parking. We discussed options including the Lewis and Clark School parking lot. The idea of a booth at the celebration for people to sign-up for upcoming 2015 events was discussed.

SWOT Committee Update

No SWOT updates were given at this meeting.

Pastor’s Time

Father gave us copies from Archbishop Carlson on Capital Campaign Study Results. The results of the study reveal an overwhelming support for Catholic schools and Catholic education. An overall plan for Catholic schools is needed. 40% of the funds collected from each parish’s efforts will be returned to the parish to address its individual needs. Each parish will conduct the campaign in either 2015 or 2016. Father Benz volunteered St. Cletus to be in Block 1 which will launch in June, 2015.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:15; Mass at 6:30 in the Chapel