

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2016

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

Excused: Kelly Bury and Mark Stahlschmidt

Overview:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm
- We introduced ourselves and addressed: “How do you come to the meeting?”
- Evening prayer (Beth Hill)
- Minutes from January 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Formation:

- Sister Gail Guelker was our guest speaker (Metro Congregations United)
 - Discussion about percentage of minorities in our area (3% African American, 2% Hispanic)
 - How can we become an area that is more “One”? Determine our main needs:
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Build a cluster of churches here to work together as one
 - The Making of Ferguson – April 5, 2016
- Catholic Magazine (pages 1-10)
 - Doing things with other parishes and having others come to our parish
 - Discussion about Our Lady of Guadalupe being a ‘sister parish’
 - Ann will check with Larry Bolt at St. Peter Parish
 - Laurie will talk with Rosann at our parish school
 - Discussion about other parishes in St. Charles County, Wright City and Hawk Point

Old and New Business:

- Discussion of deficits
 1. Evangelization: promote ‘bring a friend/ family member to church, and parish census
 2. Ministry participation: reach out to top ministries for advise on their needs
 3. Faith formation: reach out and get people more involved. How?
 4. Parents as primary educators: get parents more involved with their children
 5. Aging demographics: How do we deal with this?
 6. Programs for young adults: can’t change demographics
 7. Welcome program: new things are being implemented by the Hospitality Committee and Legion of Mary goes to visit all new parishioners
 8. Religious vocations: ongoing training for Catechists
 9. Being more welcoming: working on being able to bring people to mass regularly
 10. Aging facilities: school roof, school kitchen, church compressors, heating and cooling of church (rainy day fund: green envelopes, endowment)
- Parish Census – Status
 - 300+ already submitted
- Monthly Theme
 - Continue to think about this

Pastor’s Time:

- Meeting Christ through Study – Sunday from 7:30 – 8:30 (Jen Beilsmith)
- Catholic ‘Netflix’ – formed.org (funded for 6 months by a parishioner)
- Reconciliation coming up, but not mentioned in bulletin. There will be an insert.
- Outreach – Ann talked about this formation

Conclusion:

- Assignment: next 10 pages of Catholic Magazine
- Beth Hill led our closing prayer
- Next meeting: March 28, 2016 @ 7:00