

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Al Rothermich, Mark Stahlschmidt, Jim Worland, Laurie Steinkamp, Beth Hill, Bev Frein, Richard Marquard, Beth Del Rosario, Kelly Bury, Jerry Stolin and Deacon Mark McCarthy

Excused: Ann Roussel and Annie Dowdy

Overview:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm
- We introduced ourselves and addressed: “How do you come to the meeting?”
- Evening prayer (Beth Del Rosario)
- Minutes from February 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Formation:

- Catholic Magazine (pages 11-20)
 - Discussion on interaction of ministries and other parishes
 - Paradigm shift, no longer fiefdom but all one church, share the wealth
 - Discussed importance of open dialogue, building relationships that are mutually beneficial to ensure collaboration

Old Business:

- Selection of a Sister Parish
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe already has “sister parish”
 - Archdiocese suggested rural parish St. James in Potosi, they are discussing at their Parish Council also
 - Fr. Benz suggested closer parishes such as St. Francis in Portage, St. Joseph in Bonne Terre or St. Mary’s in Hawk Point
 - Fr. Benz to connect with St. Joseph, Laurie to connect with St. Francis
 - Will revisit to discuss how to proceed
- Reach out/assign a Parish Council member to other ministries
 - Rich sent around sheet with ministries for each member to write in what they are already associated with or are interested in being associated with in relation to our discussions regarding having a liaison. He will consolidate.
- Monthly Theme
 - Homework: Check notes from discussion at retreat and bring ideas to next meeting

New Business:

- BeOne Resource Day—April 30, 2016
 - Rich, Laurie, Beth Hill, Bev and Mark (possibly) will register themselves to attend
- Parish Missionary Disciples
 - Looking to invite Julie Bostick to present idea to parish
 - Importance of personal invitation especially for 25-40 year old segment of parish
 - Homework: each member identify 5 potentials in this area for invitation
 - Put on Fast Direct for school parents
 - Invite Stewardship and Lay Formation Committees
 - Open to entire parish

Pastor’s Time:

- Catholic ‘Netflix’ – formed.org (funded for 6 months by a parishioner) is now available
- Beyond Sunday – encourage people to still participate, letters went out from Archdiocese
- Mercy books—approx. 789 given out at Easter masses
- Tom Burke ordered 1800 more “I am Grateful” bracelets
- Ordering approx. 800 copies of “7 Reasons to Be Catholic”, hope is that parishioners will pass this on!
- Adoration Chapel—discussed materials there (Catholic focused and appropriate)

Conclusion:

- Beth Del Rosario led closing prayer
- Next meeting: April 25, 2016 @ 7:00