

# St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## May 23, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Kelly Bury, Beth Del Rosario, Annie Dowdy, Beth Hill, Rich Marquard, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Al Rothermich, Ann Roussel, Mark Stahlschmidt, Laurie Steinkamp, Jerry Stolin, Jim Worland

Excused: Bev Frein

### Overview:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
- We introduced ourselves and addressed: “How do you come to the meeting?”
- Evening prayer (Rich Marquard)
- Minutes from April 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Formation:

- Pope Francis’s Book: The Joy of Love: *Amoris Laetitia* - Chapter 1
  - Discussed importance of family – family is the icon of the trinity
  - Male and female roles in the family – duty of parents to pass on faith
  - Discussed “Beautiful Planet” (Science Center) – getting past the hatred in our world
- Next read: Chapter 2

### Old and New Business:

- Discussed the spreadsheet (reaching out to other ministries)
- Debriefing of BeOne Resource Day (Laurie Steinkamp, Mark Stahlschmidt, Beth Hill and Bev Frein)
  - Securing the future of Catholic Education
    - Middle schools – keeping students involved
  - Embracing a culture of leadership
    - Parish prayer – including it before ministry meetings
    - Faith and Action – Catholic social issues
      - Each grade level focuses on one of the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Eighth grade students review all 7 themes.
      - Discussion of St. Cletus School including things of this nature in their curriculum
  - Peace and Justice – social justice
    - Barb Prideaux was one of the speakers
    - Discussion about ways to learn more about our Catholic faith (Stump the Deacon?)
    - Discussion about being involved in a few things – not being a “jack of all trades” church
  - BeOne – having one program for multiple parishes – held at our parish so we can work together as one Church
  - Next Step:
    - Prayer for our meetings
    - Get feedback from other parishes about “Stump the Deacon” or other ideas
    - Rich will forward info to everyone on Parish Council about the BeOne meeting
- Reaching out to Hispanics in our community (Ann Roussel talked)
  - Father Benz and Ann will speak with Mr. Vargas and discuss ideas
  - Discussed possible existing families being “host families” to new families in our parish
- Disciples Meeting (Julie Bostick)
  - Father needs to choose 7-8 people
- Our Lady of Guadalupe is interested in being the Sister Parish to St. Cletus
  - Discussed having a meeting with 3 members from each of our parishes
  - Question: Do they have a food pantry?
  - Discussion – having people tutor kids who are in need of help
- Parish Census (Jim Worland talked)
  - Approx. 700 responses so far – alphabetized
  - Jim to ask Barry McCauley to call Cindy in the office about a list of family names (who have submitted?)
  - Other ministries available to help with the census? (Will be discussed at ministry meeting in July)

- 10 deficits (looked at St. Peter's progress)
  - 1. Evangelization
    - Books and CD's passed out
    - Book studies and sessions on 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic
    - Legion of Mary passes out little black and white books
  - 2. Participating parishioners
    - Discussed 'buddy families'
    - Currently working on census
  - 3. Faith Formation
    - St. Cletus just sent 4 representatives to the BeOne meeting
  - 7. Welcome program for new parishioners
    - Greeters
  - 9. Reach out and support the marginalized
    - Father Benz and Ann Roussel to reach out to Vargas family
  - 10. Aging facilities
    - New LED sign
    - New roof on school cafeteria this summer

Pastor's Time:

- The picnic was great!
- This coming weekend Terry Gravemann will talk about Cardinal Glennon collection
- Suppers 8 is starting up. The next session will be at the end of the summer.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Acolyte Tom Burke's ordination as a Permanent Diaconate
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – 6 new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned
- Lay Formation Ministers – discussed the 3 year process and 3 year additional commitment

Conclusion:

- Assignment: read Chapter 2 of The Joy of Love: Amoris Laetitia
- Rich Marquard led our closing prayer
- Next meeting: June 27, 2016 @ 7:00