

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the March 24 meeting were approved as submitted, with one correction to the attendance record.

Formation – Forming Intentional Disciples

Chapters 11 & 12 were discussed. There was a lot of discussion about what we could/should be doing as a result of having read this book. Al feels St. Cletus is doing a lot of what the book recommends at the end. Celeste was struck by the discussion of the training for those doing the evangelizing and wonders if more should be done in that regard at St. Cletus. The group as a whole is still looking for more direction or a “roadmap” for what we should do next. Deb suggested that we all need to remember that the goal of all our ministries is to make disciples and emphasized that our library should be more well-known and accessible. A suggestion was made to move some books periodically to the gathering space or near the Eucharistic Chapel to make them more visible.

Mary Bryne suggested that one way we can show more leadership is to attend the Living Rosary on May 6 as a group and encourage other ministries to join us. She also suggested attending Mass as a group each First Saturday and the first was planned for May 3. In addition, Dan Pelikan will once again be leading the rosary before each Parish Council meeting.

The discussion turned to “what’s next?” Chris suggested that we find some of the programs/retreats mentioned in the book and attend those. There are two programs “Called and Gifted” and “Making Disciples” that might be good next steps. A suggestion was made that we might want to assess the spiritual side of the parish and provide programs that support the various stages of the journey to discipleship. The next step is to gather more information regarding each program before the June meeting and share it with the group at that meeting.

SWOT Update

The four committees established at the last meeting each gave an update regarding their efforts to date.

- Group 1 (Financial processes) – Dan and Ann attended the last Finance Council meeting and there was discussion specifically about facilities planning. As a result of that discussion, there is a Task Force developing to review the current facilities at the parish, and to being planning for the future needs (maintenance, repair, etc..) on an ongoing basis. The next step is to meet with Bill Matula regarding overall financial controls.
- Group 2 (Parish Council learning session) – the Parish Council learning session is scheduled for June 21 from 9:30 to 1:00 in the Parish Hall. An agenda is being finalized and invitations to neighboring parishes will be sent the week of May 12. RSVPs will be requested to allow for planning for food. Chris will be leading the session and questions will be provided in advance, with a request for responses back so that they can be collated and provided to all attendees. Part of the session will include discussion about evangelization efforts and whether there are efforts underway that could be done jointly.
- Group 3 (Holiness of Parish Council) – The group recommends that we all attend First Saturday Mass as a group and then meet for breakfast at St. Louis Bread Company. In addition, they suggest we all attend Exalt or the Living Rosary as a group to bring us closer together. The next Living Rosary is scheduled for May 6 and all are encouraged to attend. Finally, it is suggested that each of us attend an hour of adoration each week as our schedules permit.
- Group 4 (Renew hearts) – Three priority items are suggested from this group: 1) Start a coffee/donut event and do it on a regular basis to encourage interaction among the parishioners; 2) Start a “cameo” note periodically in the bulletin to share personal stories from parishioners regarding their active involvement in parish ministries; and 3) Start a welcoming committee. We need people to help get these things started and something will be put in the bulletin to solicit volunteers.

An update from each group will occur at the next meeting.

St. Cletus 50th Anniversary Celebration

- The initial planning meeting was well attended. It was an organizational meeting and the notes Laurie Steinkamp put together from the research done with other parishes were used as a basis for the conversation.
- The next meeting is on May 5.
- The “big celebration” will be held on either September 12 or 13 of 2015, and will depend on the availability of Archbishop Carlson to attend to say Mass for us. There was discussion regarding whether a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon Mass would be preferred. The group decided on Saturday at 5:00 followed by a reception, as

long as the Archbishop is available.

Pastor's Time

- Suppers 8 has not had a great response; only about 16 couples. Father encouraged the group to participate if possible.
- Father would like to re-energize the nametag initiative and will be announcing a Nametag Sunday each month to encourage everyone to wear them. It will start on May 18, the day of the Parish Picnic.
- Father will be sending the group a copy of the Evangelii Gaudium of the Holy Father Francis, and it will be used for our formation sessions. It will begin at the May meeting with the Introduction and Chapter 1.
- Father passed out some demographic data about the current staffing of Priests in our area and the projections for staffing in the future.
- The minutes from the last Endowment Committee meeting were shared.
- Father also mentioned that there are "Bringing New Excitement to Parish Ministry" webinars available to anyone who would like to view them.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 27**, 2014 at 7:00.*