

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 20th 2024

**In attendance:** Carol Callahan, Jan Dubray, Gwen Williams, Sherry Knoblauch, Valerie Heien, Becky Williamson, Mike Boschert, Chrissy Poulter, Angie Degooyer, Lori Geisman, Mary Jane Young, Father Chris, Deacon Mark

**Absent:** Rick Bates

**Prayer:** Members shared what we are grateful for and prayer requests

**Formation:** Valerie Heien shared Catholic Responses to the World's Questions. We discussed how to respond as a Catholic to abortion.

**Minutes:** Minutes for February 2024 were reviewed and approved after some corrections were made. Motion to accept the minutes was given by Mike Boschert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Geisman. Motion passed. Minutes will be posted on the website and placed on Google Drive.

**New Business:**

Parish council photo was taken for website.

Holy Thursday foot washing-Father Chris and Deacon Mark will like the PC members to be a part of the foot washing. 8 members are available to participate.

Giving ideas-Carol brought the idea of having a QR code available in the pews to help donate. Angie is going to speak with Laura Henderson about making the giving location on the website, more front and center on the website.

Abortion Petition- Members discussed the petitions that are being signed in regards to abortion. There is a text number that pro-life supporters can text when they see the pro-abortion signature gatherers. The number is 417-413-4134.

Parish Picnic-May 18th and 19th. Becky informed us that they had their first meeting to start planning. Rides, dj and events are booked. The chicken dinner will return but only with pre-sale tickets.

Missing Ministries for website-Lori provided the council with which ministries are missing from the website. We would like a summary of what the ministry does, their contact and when they meet. Some ministries do not want their contact info on the website. Mike discussed tabling this discussion for when the marketing/communications personnel is hired. For the meantime Carol will contact Laura Henderson about putting the ministries on the website without contact info.

**Old Business**

Financial review-On April 26th, St. Cletus Giving Day will take place that will work towards raising money for various needs of our church. We need to clarify that the HVAC is for the gymnasium. The HVAC in the gym is 30 years old and the average lifespan is 20 years old. The estimated cost is 80K for the HVAC. New lighting in the Church is 18K. Rectory renovations are around 30K.

Online giving initiative day-April 13th and 14th. Parish Council members will help parishioners sign up for online giving. They will help people after the Masses the weekend of April 13th and 14th.

All-ministry meeting sub-committee—Jan, Becky, Mike and Chrissy will continue to work on planning this event. Tentative for September 2024.

Clear Path Model and Pillar Structure-discussion was had about merging the pillar structure and clear path model. Angie discussed that the unfinished Pillar projects/goals should be maintained and addressed. Mike discussed that the pillar structure was useful but that we need to move on. Father Chris discussed that he likes how ministries are categorized in the pillar structure but wants the ministries to learn the Clear Path Model.

### **Pastor's Time**

Father Chris stated that giving has increased about \$150,000 over our year to date. He discussed how he will vocalize our financial status to the Parish.

Father Chris was impressed with our Luke 18 retreat but would like to see the parents participate just as much as the teens.

Father Chris discussed Sister Rose bringing ACTS to the parish. However, he would like to discuss looking into a new retreat for the Parish. Jan Dubray offered to help with the search.

The panel discussion on LGBTQ will be advertised through the bulletin and Peace & Justice. April 16th @ 6:30 pm is the date of the discussion. Charles Bouchard will be a guest speaker.

The Discovering Christ program was successful. Donations are welcome to cover the cost.

**Closing Prayer**-A closing prayer was given by Valerie

Meeting adjourned at 9:05