Saint Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

In attendance: Carol Callahan, Sherry Knoblauch, Gwen Williams, Chrissy Poulter, Celia Stolen, Maggi Rimel, Valerie Heien, Jim Scheu, Father Chris, Deacon Mark and Angie DeGooyer (via Zoom)

Prayer: Members of the council shared what they are thankful for and prayer requests.

Formation: Members discussed chapters 3,4, and 5 of A Clear Path.

Minutes: Minutes from February 2025 meeting approved.

New Business:

- Parish Bylaws were reviewed and presented by Angie and Carol. The discussion focused on adapting a new strategy of having ⅓ of the Parish Council change every year. A 2 year rotation was also discussed. Angie, Carol and Mary Jane will continue to discuss the 2 year rotation. If a 2 year rotation is discussed the bylaws will need to be changed..
- Holy Thursday foot washing. It was presented to have the Parish Council as members to participate in the foot washing. Gwen, Celia, Chrissy, Sherry, Valerie, Maggi and two children will be available.
- The April meeting will be cancelled and will be replaced with the April retreat.

Old Business:

- Giving Day will be June 13th, 14th and 15th. I will be rebranded as Giving and Service Day. There will be multiple events occurring that may include parish improvements, service projects and crafts, and then a social gathering. This weekend is still in the planning phase. The pancake breakfast is tentative for the weekend of April 27th.
- Memorial garden updates are still occurring. The Mary statue is getting updated. Joseph and a baby Jesus will be added, along with a grotto.
- Ideas for the gala funds are still being discussed.
- Rectory open house will tentatively be some time in April. Sherry suggested tying in to the Giving Day weekend.
- External relations committee has had 20 sign ups. Maggi is still coordinating this committee.

Director of Parish Operations Update

- Updates were given throughout old business.
- Maggi sent out her first parish wide email via our Servant Keeper Software.
- Maggi shared “business” cards with the council. The cards have St. Cletus information and a prayer request qr code.
- St. Cletus was awarded a 2k grant for ELL programs.

Pastor’s Time:

- Father Chris really likes the Clear Path Model and is going to work well at St. Cletus.
- He is excited about the start of the new concrete. He also reported that the floors need to be finished and the rectory should be complete after that.

- The last of 3 sessions of Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ has wrapped up. Jim Sheu attended the program and stated how powerful it was. Father would like to offer the program again.

Closing comments:

- Try to read to page 151 of clear path model for the retreat. Reading chapter 6-10 would be great, but chapter 6-8 is also acceptable if pressed for time.

Closing Prayer: Celia

Next meeting:
Parish Council retreat Saturday, April 5th 9-3pm in the rectory basement. Social breakfast provided by the church begins at 8am. Lunch will also be provided by the church. Mass at 4:00pm