

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

2/15/2022

Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Fr. Mark Whitman, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Zeonia Christy, Jim Streit, Rick Bates, Carol Callahan, Angie DeGooyer, Valerie Heien, Carolyn Martin, Chrissy Poulter, Gregg Viscomi, Gwen Williams.

Absent: Jan Joeckel, Lori Geisman Guests present: Vince Estrada

Overview:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- All members addressed 'How do you come to the meeting?'
- **Opening prayer** from Jan Joeckel was read by Chrissy, since Jan couldn't attend in person.
- **Minutes** from the 1/18/22 meeting were reviewed. There was a suggestion to correct the information about the webinar that Fr. Benz had cited (it was not The Search, but Chris Stefanick's "Living Joy"). The change was accepted. Jim moved that the minutes be approved, Gregg seconded. Motion carried.

Formation:

- There was a good discussion of the 2/8/22 Chris Stefanick "2-Minute Tuesday," reminding us how critical it is for us to have quiet time. We need to not miss out on all the "fragments" of God's love that pass us by if we are too busy to ponder them.

Old Business:

- St Cletus Pastoral Strategic Planning Progress:
 - Review of document – Zeonia & Angie:
 - Section 3:10 Vision. This should tie back to parish-defined goals & strategies.
 - Incorporating Vision into the Strength-based Strategies.
 - Angie will send a pdf of this 2/15/22 DRAFT of the Strategic Plan.
 - All Parish Council members are asked to read through the document and let Zeonia or Angie know ASAP if you see any typos or have any corrections or comments or concerns.
 - Pillars will need to finalize (approve) all sections of their Pillar Plans ASAP (including estimated start/end dates, lead contact, and resources needed for each action).
 - We hope to have a final **St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Strategic Plan** ready to be discussed and hopefully approved by the next Parish Council meeting.
- Vince discussed the next steps of the Pastoral Strategic Plan, strongly emphasizing that: 1) we finalize the Plan as quickly as possible (Pillars should not "do" anything until the plan has been finalized and approved by the Parish Council and Fr. Benz); 2) the plan is a "living document" and can be amended as we go as needed; and 3) everything within the plan should connect back to the results of the Visioning Day and the Parish-wide surveys. He recommended a quarterly review of how the Plan is progressing.
- Discussed having one composite baseline survey that would cover all pillars' issues/questions. However, the massive **All Things New** (ATN) survey will be coming out in a couple weeks and will cover some of the same types of questions we would be asking. Therefore, we should not do a baseline survey right now, but see if we'll be able to use the data from the ATN survey. If not, we could do our own later, using some of the questions or phrases used in the ATN survey.
- Discussed the importance of Youth and Young Adults throughout the Goals and Objectives of the all four pillars. Due to the importance of youth in nearly all our pillars, we will be inviting the LifeTeen team to our next (March) Parish Council meeting.

New Business:

- All Things New update – *Gregg / Chrissy*

- Surveys will be really important in determining the direction of our Archdiocese! They will be mostly accessed/submitted online, but some hardcopies will be available for those who do not have access to a computer.
- March meeting invitation: Zeonia will invite the **LifeTeen Core Team** to the March meeting.
- Starting in April, we will take turns bringing a snack for prior to the meeting (6:30 – 7:00).
- Parish Council minutes (once approved by the council) should be emailed to Fr. Benz and to Celeste Leuck within a week of their approval, so they can be published on the parish website.

Pastor's Time:

- Fr Benz updated the PC members on current activities of the parish, including: *Catholicism* series, & *Walking With Purpose* upcoming dates & Chris Stefanick's "Living Joy" small groups; search for new Music Director; upcoming visit by Archbishop Emeritus Carlson; and possible Cub Scout opportunities. Carol will research the status of Monroe's Cub Scout den.

Conclusion:

- Next Steps:
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 - Carol will research the status of Monroe's Cub Scout den.
- **Next meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 3/15/22 @ 7pm** in the Duchesne Room. Carol will lead the March prayers.
- Closing Prayer ...by Jan Joeckel was read by Chrissy.
- Adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.