

# St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## August 16, 2022

**In Attendance:** Fr. Jim Benz, Fr. Mark Whitman, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Zeonia Christy, Jan Joeckel, Jim Streit, Rick Bates, Carol Callahan, Angie DeGooyer, Lori Geisman, Valerie Heien, Carolyn Martin, Chrissy Poulter, Gregg Viscomi, Gwen Williams. **Guests from Peace & Justice:** Bill Weisrock, Jim LaVictoire,

**Absent:** none

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Gathering / Minutes / Formation:**

- **Opening prayer** by Gwen Williams.
- **Minutes** from the July meeting were reviewed. The council requested that the concluding item about upcoming Guest Ministry be deleted. Jan Joeckel moved that the minutes be approved as amended; Jim Streit seconded. M/C.
- **Formation:** We discussed “Rule 5: Engage Your Body in the Battle for Joy” from Chris Stefanick’s **Living Joy** book.

### **Old Business:**

- **St. Cletus Pastoral Strategic Planning (PSP) Progress:**
  - **PSP rollout feedback:** members shared their experiences sharing PSP information after Aug 6/7 Masses. The one-sheet summary was also inserted in the bulletins, with a QR code that takes one to the full PSP plan.
  - **Pillar updates:**
    - Admin: shared a high-level summary of the financial status of the parish.
    - Worship: is in process; have identified someone responsible for each item.
    - Service: is having difficulty getting people to the meetings; will try virtual, due to success of other pillars.
    - Formation: has very active members; are making good progress on goals; pillar meeting 8/18 to finalize plans.
  - **Vestibule bulletin board display for PSP:** Lori Geisman discussed possible vinyl banners to hang on windows to show our PSP goals/projects. After discussion, she will work with Chrissy Poulter to consider the possibility of installing a Smart TV in the vestibule instead, to allow flexibility re: parish activities or announcements.
- **Parish Council email address:** This can be easily done, so Fr. Benz will request a Parish Council email address that automatically forwards to Zeonia Christy (council chairperson).
- **Policy regarding ministry publications:**
  - The council approved the following policy for St. Cletus ministries:
    - “It is expected that any group or individual intending to publicly disseminate information which could be understood as representing a policy position of St. Cletus Parish receive permission from the pastor before doing so.”
  - This policy should be included in every bulletin and on our website.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

### **Guest Ministry: Peace & Justice** - Bill Weisrock & Jim LaVictoire

- After considerable discussion, Angie DeGooyer and Rick Bates agreed to meet with Jim LaVictoire to draft a tentative parish statement for LGBTQ youth (acceptable to the P&J ministry and the Parish Council), to be brought back to Parish Council for review.
- Bill Weisrock presented a proposal for a possible series of education meetings on LGBTQ.
- Jan Joeckel will connect Jim LaVictoire with the Archdiocese “Courage” ministry.

### **Pastor’s Time:**

- Fr Benz updated the PC members on upcoming activities of the parish:
  - “All Things New” update (Listening Sessions in October)
  - “Walking With Purpose” Bible Study update (Aug - Oct)
  - “Living Joy” book study (begin: Lent ’23)

**Conclusion:**

- **Homework:** Chris Stefanick's **Living Joy:** *Rule 6: Make Friends*
- Next meeting: 3rd Tuesday: **Sept 20, 2022** @ Duchesne Room; Snacks @ **6:45**; Meeting @ 7pm.
  - Guest Ministry: Adult Faith Formation
  - Opening/Closing Prayers will be by: Jim Streit
- Closing prayer by: Gwen Williams

Adjourned by 9:00 pm.