

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022 Approved 11/15/22

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Rick Bates, Carol Callahan, Zeonia Christy, Angie DeGooyer, Lori Geisman, Jan Joeckel, Chrissy Poulter, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Fr. Mark Whitman.

Absent: Valerie Heien, Carolyn Martin, Jim Streit, Gregg Viscomi, Gwen Williams,

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Gathering / Minutes / Formation:

- **Opening prayer** by Lori Geisman.
- **Minutes** from the September meeting were reviewed. Motion by Carol Callahan (2nd by Jan Joeckel) to approve minutes; M/C unanimously.
- **Formation:** Carol Callahan led a formation activity relating to *Living Joy* book: “Rule 7: Rest”.

Old Business:

- **St. Cletus Pastoral Strategic Planning – Pillar Updates:**
 - Administration: no report (Jim & Val were both absent).
 - Worship: reported status of pillar activities (working with day school and LifeTeen).
 - Service: reported status of pillar activities/projects.
 - Formation: reported status of pillar activities/projects.
- **SmartTV in gathering space:** Chrissy Poulter will work with Joe Gogel regarding purchase of the TV and bracket. We discussed options to keep the cost down.
- **Ministry Publication:** The form for ministry website information has finally been approved; it should be distributed to ministries in the next couple weeks.
- **All Things New (ATN) update:** Fr. Benz updated the council on recent happenings, and there was much discussion about the recent Listening Sessions, about the recent publishing of the “school workbooks,” and about general concerns regarding how this process is affecting the minds and hearts of our parishioners.
- **Statement on LGBT:** Due to the angst that our parishioners are currently experiencing in relation to the ATN process, the Parish Council decided to table efforts on this divisive issue and instead focus our efforts on helping our people navigate the ATN process and on helping them prepare for upcoming transition. Fr. Benz will contact Peace & Justice and request that they, too, pause any LGBT efforts/communications during this difficult time, and instead focus on their many other efforts that successfully unite our parishioners and our community.

New Business:

- None

Pastor’s Time:

- Fr Benz updated the PC members on a variety of upcoming activities.

Conclusion:

- Action Items to do before next meeting:
 - *Living Joy* book “Rule 8: Serve”
- Next meeting: 3rd Tuesday: Nov 15, 2022 @ Duchesne Room; Snacks @ 6:45; Meeting @ 7pm.
 - Guest Ministry: Fr. Mitch Doyen (Synodality)
 - Opening/Closing Prayers will be by: Jan Joeckel
- Closing prayer by Lori Geisman