

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022 (Approved January 17, 2023)

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Rick Bates, Carol Callahan, Zeonia Christy, Angie DeGooyer, Valerie Heien, Jan Joeckel, Chrissy Poulter, Jim Streit, Gwen Williams, **Arriving after the Eucharistic Miracles Presentation:** Carolyn Martin, Deacon Mark McCarthy.

Absent: Lori Geisman, Mary Jane Young (will replace Gregg Viscomi, who recently passed away), Fr. Mark Whitman,

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:25 pm (after watching most of the Eucharistic Miracles Presentation, coordinated by Carolyn Martin and Deacon McCarthy). We had planned to invite Fr. Mitch Doyen to the meeting to discuss “synodality”, but due to the Eucharistic Miracles presentation tonight, we postponed that invitation.

Gathering / Minutes / Formation:

- **Opening prayer** by Jan Joeckel.
- **Minutes** from the October 18 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Carol Callahan (2nd by Val Heien) to approve minutes; M/C unanimously.
- **Formation:** Since we were running a bit late from the Eucharistic Miracles presentation, the discussion of “Rule 8: Serve” was very brief.

Old Business:

- “Synodality”:
 - The council asked Fr. Benz what “synodality” is (as used by the Pope and the Church today) and what it looks like. After much discussion, the council felt that the concept of synodality could be extremely helpful for our parish leaders and our parishioners, not only in living our faith, in improving our interactions with people different from us, and in evangelizing, but also (especially for these upcoming months) in helping us to deal with whatever potential changes may be proposed from the **All Things New** pastoral planning initiative.
 - The council asked Fr. Benz to invite Fr. Doyen to our **January** meeting to provide more information on how “synodality” may help our parishioners and how we might go about initiating this concept within our parish.
- Smart TV in the gathering space: this is still in process.

Pastor’s Time:

- Fr Benz gave an update on the **All Things New** status, including the postponement of the ATN elementary school changes until the 2024-25 school year.
- Fr. Benz listed a variety of wonderful **upcoming activities/events** coming up, including Fr. Mark’s upcoming Teaching Masses. The fundraiser Gala was reportedly a great success.

Conclusion:

- **Next meeting:**
 - **WAS MOVED** (from Tues Dec 20) ... **to WED, Dec 21 ... @ 6:30 pm;**
 - This is our Christmas Potluck gathering, so bring your appetites and prepare to socialize; there won’t be a “meeting” per se that night.
 - We will invite *Mary Jane Young* to join us, so we can get to know her, and vice-versa.
- **January meeting:**
 - Tues, 1/17/23. Opening/Closing Prayers will be by: *Lori Geisman*
- Closing prayer by Jan Joeckel.