

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Fr. Mark Whitman, Deacon Mark McCarthy, 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 ministry:** Jim LaVictoire & Bill Weisrock.

Absent: Zeonia Christy.

Chrissy led a Google Drive tutorial prior to the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Opening prayer was led by Val Heien.

Ministry Review: Peace & Justice: Jim LaVictoire & Bill Weisrock

- Jim shared the ministry's goal, mission statement, & Catholic Social Teaching, as well as recent activities. Actions and programs include: Bridge Bread, Sharing Our Table of Plenty (STOP), the El Salvador mission (since '08), Care for Creation (environment), & Book studies.
- Bill discussed the ministry's request to approve St. Cletus as a "signatory" to "God is On Your Side – A Statement on Protecting LGBTQ Youth". Extensive feedback, discussion and brainstorming followed his presentation. The council decided to not sign on to this particular statement, but instead to focus on efforts to touch the hearts of our parishioners and to share with them the actual Church position/teaching (of accepting and loving every one of God's children, but most especially those who are marginalized).

Gathering / Minutes / Formation:

- Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Formation was tabled until the end of the meeting. Moving forward, instead of "How I come to meeting" we will share our learnings from the Formation readings.

Old Business:

- St. Cletus Pastoral Strategic Planning Progress:
 - The 5/12/22 Draft of the St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Strategic Plan (emailed earlier to all members) was reviewed and discussed.
 - Suggested changes: add on p.5 that updates will be done "by Parish Council and Pastor"; minor changes to Pillar Rosters (p. 50 & 51).
 - Chrissy moved that the Parish Council approve adding a fourth objective to the Worship Pillar's goal to Increase Mass Attendance" (as discussed last month) *in case* we need it in the future, and that we approve modifying the wording of Formation objective F-1 C to "Form Parishioners So They Can Evangelize Others", instead of adding a fourth objective to that goal. Second by Jim S. M/C unanimously.
 - Jim S moved that we **approve the Pastoral Strategic Plan** with the changes discussed above. Val seconded. M/C unanimously.
 - Chrissy will lead a subcommittee to draft an executive summary of this document for distribution to parishioners, since this is a very large, cumbersome document (almost 60 pages in color).
 - Admin pillar will create a St. Cletus-specific draft of their Objective A-1 C (*Develop Procedure for Pillars' Functions*), for review at next month's meeting.
 - Next month, instead of having a Ministry Review, we will budget that hour to reviewing these documents and discussing our next steps.

New Business: None

Pastor's Time:

- Fr Benz updated the PC members on upcoming activities of the parish:
 - Update on search for a new Music Director.
 - Need workers for Parish Picnic ... sign up on website.
 - Walking With Purpose has had a very good response.
 - Catholicism series update.
 - Donuts & Coffee after Mass is returning, and response is very positive.
 - We are considering adding "Blaze" (Walking With Purpose program for young girls).

Conclusion:

- **Action Items** to do before next meeting:
 - **ALL:** Read *Living Joy* book: “Rule 3: Love Yourself”
 - **Chrissy’s** subcommittee will draft an executive summary of the Pastoral Strategic Plan.
 - **Admin pillar** will create a St. Cletus-specific draft of their Objective A-1 C.

- **Next meeting:** 3rd Tuesday: June 21, 2022 @ Duchesne Room; Snacks @ 6:45; Meeting @ 7pm.
 - Finalize our Pastoral Strategic Plan’s: executive summary, pillar function documentation, & next steps.
 - Opening/Closing Prayers will be by: Gregg.

- Closing prayer by Valerie.