

St. Cletus Parish Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2023

In Attendance: Rick Bates, Fr. Jim Benz, Carol Callahan, Zeonia Christy, Lori Geisman, Valerie Heien, Jan Joeckel, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Chrissy Poulter, Jim Streit, Mary Jane Young, Gwen Williams

Absent: Angie DeGooyer, Carolyn Martin, Fr. Mark Whitman

Prayer: Valerie Heien opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: 1st motion to accept the minutes with revisions by Lori Geisman, 2nd by Rick Bates. Motion passed. Minutes were approved as written.

Parish Council Formation: Council members split into small groups to review pages 11-17 in the "Preparing for Mission" evangelization workbook. The focus of this section is on creating a new heart for the church and for others. At the next meeting, we will continue with second section entitled "New Minds, The Changing of an Age."

Old Business

All Ministry Meeting: The Stewardship Committee created a plan for the All Ministry meeting which Fr. Benz shared with the Council by email. Discussion centered around postponing the date to September to give our new pastor a chance to acclimate, and to focus on ministries working within their pillars rather than opening the event to all parishioners as a meet and greet. Carol, Jim, and Mary Jane will attend the next Stewardship meeting on May 23 to work through the changes. It is agreed that we need to hold an all ministry meeting once our new pastor arrives.

Calls to Parishioners: Fr. Benz will draft a letter to all parishioners with a focus on people who are not attending St. Cletus masses and functions. We need to target who receives this letter including those who received sacraments but are not attending mass and looking at giving records. The ACA is making phone calls to those who did not pick up their donation card which might be a way to identify those who are not attending. Jan will work with Fr. Benz to finalize the language of the letter which needs focus on welcoming people to return to church.

Amazing Parishes: The link to the materials is www.amazingparish.org. The materials discuss what is change, how to address leadership changes, and looking at benefits of change. Zeonia found more resources on welcoming our new pastor and plans to share those with the Council.

Pastor's Time:

Parish Hall: The contractor will begin reconstruction soon. Our insurance covers all costs besides the \$1,000 deductible. The parish office will remain in the rectory basement until further notice.

All Things New: The final parish structure will be announced on May 28. Our new pastor will be invited to our June and July Council meetings.

Parish Picnic: May 20-21. We have a significant need for volunteers. Please sign up to help.

Parish Council Elections: We are scheduled to elect new Council representatives in Fall 2023. Fr. Benz proposed adding a year of service to parish council members to address the transition of All Things New. Discussion was tabled on this proposal.

Corpus Christi Sunday: St. Cletus will have a procession on June 11 after the 11:30am Mass. Borromeo & St. Peters usually have a procession. A procession from SLU to the Cathedral will happen on June 10.

Stroke Scan: This service was moved to Holiday Inn in St. Peters due to construction in the parish hall.

Racial Healing Workshop: This diocesan sponsored event will happen on August 5 from 9am-12:30pm. All are invited to attend.

Strategic Plan: The plan was rolled out in August 2022. The pillars have accomplished many of their goals but will need to regroup when the new pastor arrives.

Adult Faith Formation: The group is working on several events including showing the 3rd season of "The Chosen" in the day chapel, showing some episodes of "Touched by an Angel" later in the year. and ways to host "Drinking (Celebrating) with the Saints" which combines discussion of various saints while enjoying adult beverages. All Saints is currently doing this event by presenting about 2 saints at each meeting and providing specialized drinks connected with those saints. This format might work well at the "Appy" hours that are already happening.

Closing Prayer: Valerie Heien led the council in a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 20 at 7pm in the rectory basement. Prayer will be led by Mary Jane Young.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol Callahan

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