

St. Clement Parish Council
Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on October 18, 2016 with opening Prayer led by Fr. John.

Members Present: Rob Winter, Teresa Stader, Carol Bass, Jessica Hermsen, Marissa Alderson, Fr John Sasse (ex officio) & Bill Manthe (guest)

Members Absent: Jan Schmidt & Dennis Busch

Consideration of Agenda: No additions to be made

Consideration of Minutes:

Pastoral Council: Minutes of July 18, 2016 minutes approved.

Finance Council:

- Minutes of July 20, 2016 and August 16, 2016 minutes approved. Discussion progressed over the duplex property that is mentioned in both minutes. The trees have been removed and landscaping has been addressed so that water will hopefully not run into basement again. The Duplex will be listed for sale this week.
- Cemetery plot sales will be increased in the near future, currently \$500.00.

Education Commission: September 08, 2016 minutes approved.

Vocations Commission: September 28, 2016 minutes approved.

Fall Festival Results: At this time there is no final financial numbers from the festival. It was mentioned that the meals served was down by approximately 100 meals.

Band Fundraiser: As a council we have decided to table this discussion until the January meeting. Hopefully by the January meeting we will be able to find a date. We hope that by the January meeting some dates will be planned for other local events. It was suggested that we do move the fundraiser to possibly earlier in the summer when the band may not have to be provided with lights.

New Members:

Discussion continued about needing new members.

- We currently need one member to fulfill the remainder of the vacant term of Chris Marfilus -this person would be on the council through May of 2017.
- We also still need two members to replace Mary Jean Seiler & Sandi Wood. These 2 positions would be 3 year terms with the option of another 3 year renewal term.
- Terms for Teresa & Dennis will expire in May of 2017. They are both eligible for renewal terms. Several names were brought up and will be approached by several Council members.

Finances:

- Fr. John was asked if Bishop Morlino was aware of our parish financial situation. Fr John replied that financial documents are submitted to the diocesan finance department quarterly. He stated that the Bishop could go to the finance department at any time and find out the financial status of any parish in the diocese. He does not know if or how often Bishop Morlino obtains this information. Fr. John stated that we would need an additional \$12,000-\$13,000 per week to meet all of our monthly expenses.
- Discussion continued on the Pledge Cards. Currently they have received pledge amounts of approximately \$107,000. 700 cards were mailed to parishioners and approximately 200 of those have been returned. The cards were mailed through 2 separate mailings. It was suggested that when the end of the year financial statements are mailed to the parishioners that a copy of their current pledge card and also an additional pledge card be mailed to all parishioners to re-pledge for the upcoming year. The next step Fr. John suggested would be to re-establish the Stewardship committee and doing home visits to those who did not return pledge cards, to see if we can to fill in a pledge card.
- Discussion continued on if there was a way to track if the school families are donating to the parish. There is a tuition discount offered if they are registered and donate to the parish. It was decided that if this needed to be pursued that Katie Crosby should be able to help them with this. The school did pay ahead their portion of the finances in June to help with closing the church fiscal year. The school then in turn did not make

payments in July, August or September. Next payment should be made in October.

- Fr John stated that he would like to present the parish members with a series of presentations and videos, by Dave Ramsey-12 baby steps to financial peace.

Fr. John Report:

Several topics were presented. They have been tabled for additional meetings and agendas.

Additions:

There were no additional topics or discussions to be added to the agenda.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 6pm.
St. Clement Parish, Rectory Meeting Room

Adjournment:

Submitted by Carol Bass