

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish Council Meeting Notes
March 8, 2016**

In Attendance		Absent	
Dick Lawrence	Pastor	John Kober	7:15 rep
Colleen McCahill	Pastoral Associate	Matt Hill	Liturgy Chair
Anne Freeburger	Corporator	Graham Yearly	Corporator
Denise Hamilton	11:45 Rep.	Peter LaCount	9:30 rep (Vice-President)
Mike Jacko	9:30 Rep. (Secretary)		
Lee Krempel	9:30 Rep.		
Joe Yingling	9:30 Rep. (President)		
Rita McMullin	Education & Enrichment Chair		
Denny McMullin	Education & Enrichment Chair		
Bob Betta	Facilities Chair		
Mark Palmer	Finance Chair		
Geri Sicola	Liturgy Rep.		
Michael Keating	Outreach & Engagement Chair		
Peggy Meyer	Social Action Chair		

Joe Yingling called the meeting to order at 7:36 with a prayer from St. Therese of Lisieux

Pastor's Report

- 175th anniversary
 - last meeting, we decided against having multiple masses
 - suggestion: publish second edition of history of parish volume, adding a new chapter
 - for 125th, parish published history pamphlet
 - for 150th, parish published book
 - possible events to include in new edition
 - publication of alter bible
 - new alter, new ambo
 - expansion of service ministries
 - Colleen McCahill has been in touch with Maryland Historical Society who published original edition
 - Rita McMullin raised question whether parishioners who own the original edition would be interested in purchasing a second edition with mostly identical content
 - Geri Sicola raised the idea of publishing a pictorial history
 - Michael Keating raised a concern about the timeframe for publishing the book
 - we might only have three months to pull project together
 - chapter would need to complement original book, which was written by an accomplished church historian (now deceased)
 - Mike Jacko suggested exploring the possibility of a supplement that could be glued into the back of the existent edition (we could get more copies of the old book)
 - consensus was for Fr. Lawrence to put out feelers for potential authors
 - discussion to be continued later

Financial Report

- attendance is down 7%, but average per person giving is up
 - even ignoring the week of the blizzard, the average attendance was still down in February
- general income YTD is approximately \$40k over budget
- maintenance expense YTD is approximately \$31k over budget
 - significant unique expenses: clothing room repair, snow removal, undercroft doors, park gate, park cameras, park lights
- other operating expenses are generally below budget
- finance committee will begin planning for next year's budget
 - committees should notify finance committee of expected variances from last year
- Joe Yingling observed that there seem to have been a number of new people in attendance at mass lately

Pastoral Associate's Report

- the parish has a new nursery worker (Sarah) for Sunday mornings
 - has to get fingerprinting and "Shield the Vulnerable" training
- John Rhodes, our AV consultant, has scheduled to bring Cardinal Sound in on March 15 to provide cost estimate, is reaching out to a second vendor to allow a comparison
 - mentioned that the microphone at the ambo is fantastic, but it is not well-fixed in place, and people do not generally use it correctly
 - mic is directional – needs to point at speaker's mouth
- next baptism is scheduled for Easter Sunday
- Colleen interviewed 2 potential Jesuit Volunteer candidates, had positive response to both
 - we are waiting to hear feedback from JVC whether either of them will be placed with us
 - both of their mothers were nervous about the prospect of their working in Baltimore
- fire preparedness plan
 - spoke with Jim Dimmer about possible way to proceed with exploration
 - first priority is to verify that current extinguishers are properly placed
 - inspection company can sell, place, and test fire extinguishers, awaiting estimate
 - Michael Keating indicated that we might need a new / replenished / more thorough first aid kit
- submitted grant application to Maryland History Trust
 - would go toward repair / realignment / re-pointing of granite on front steps and cheek walls
 - money would not be distributed until July

175th Anniversary

- Michael Keating brought idea of making or acquiring St. Vincent medals for distribution at anniversary mass
 - those in attendance were supportive of the idea
 - Michael will explore possibilities (cost, etc)
- Geri Sicola: the liturgy committee has not had significant discussion about the anniversary mass

- Fr. Lawrence expects that the Archbishop will be enthusiastic about working with us in preparation for the liturgy
- Denny McMullin suggested idea of incorporating students from St.s James & John in the liturgy (e.g. artwork, music)
- recap from last meeting: working suggestion is to extend the anniversary celebration from the Feast of St. Vincent DePaul through the anniversary mass
 - begin celebration with feast of St. Vincent (perhaps distribute medals then)
 - put up historical displays to remain for the month
 - include an “invite-a-friend” weekend
 - possible inclusion of service opportunity at some point during the month
 - one suggestion is to do a gleanng
 - Michael Keating indicates that Gather Baltimore does a lot of work and might be able to take large groups of volunteers
 - Peggy Meyer has another contact to whom she can reach out
 - Mark Palmer indicates that CRS has program called “Helping Hands”
- Lauren has offered to write weekly history piece for inclusion in the bulletin

A/V Equipment

- one (perhaps only) significant new piece of equipment will likely be a new projector
 - our projector is very good, but is outdated
 - has connectivity issues (the connection protocols are not supported by modern computers)
 - Joe Yingling suggests that if our current projector is sufficient for our regular needs, we might simply rent a projector when special needs arise (avoid capital expenditure on expensive piece of technology that is soon to be outdated)
 - Joe Yingling raised question: who owns the video camera used for recording homilies? (must check)
 - Michael Keating: we may not continue to record baptisms
 - we may switch to audio-only recording of homilies (suitable for podcasting)
 - Joe Yingling mentioned that the homilies page is the most heavily trafficked page of the website
 - Rita suggested that perhaps we should video record more than we do now
 - e.g. Education committee has presentation coming up
 - Michael Keating indicated reticence to add responsibilities to new AV organization before it is actually formed

Committee Reports

- Social Action Committee
 - Peggy Meyer showed a new parish banner usable for display tables or for marching
- there were no questions for any of the other committees

Conclusion: We recited the Lord’s Prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Jacko

COMMITTEES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes and Reports: February, 2016

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

The Education and Enrichment Committee has not met since the last P.C. meeting; however,

- The film series has ended.
 - Two of the films were well attended and enthusiastically enjoyed by all (Weapons of the Spirit and Invictus.)
 - The middle film, Moonrise Kingdom, was poorly attended due to the weather.
- 54 people attended our ½-day retreat, given by Fr. Julio Martinez at the Shrine of St. Anthony. The themes were the recent writing of Pope Francis.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

LITURGY COMMITTEE

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Outreach and Engagement has not met since the last PC meeting.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Meeting: Feb 16, 2016

Attending: Peggy Meyer, Peggy Cronyn, Joe Cronyn, Jack Schmidt, Mary Lukaitis, Ray Heil, Chuck Frascati, Pat Frascati

Joe led the group in prayer, reading the beatitudes from the Gospel of Mark Chap. 9, 33- 39

Baltimore County Source of Income legislation

- Jack has contact info for approx. 140 parishioners living in Balto. Co.
- Meeting with Vicky Almond on Feb. 1 was cancelled and rescheduled.
- Matt Hill has been meeting with County Council people.
- Peggy will contact Matt Hill and ask for talking points and the letter for St. V's constituents to use in contacting their county councilpersons.
- The committee will email or mail a letter to Balto. Co. parishioners.

BRIDGE (regional focus)

- Audrey has been St. V's rep, and she is staying until June to assist with 501c3 application, and newsletter.

BUILD (city-focused)

- Candidates forum addressing issues for youth, jobs, safety, gun laws, police practices and training.
- Voter registration- people have been trained and are waiting for direction.
- Mayoral primary is April 26. (St. V's is not a member of BUILD, but Jack and Mary are active in the organization).

TRE:

- We received a grant from Knott Foundation for \$12,800 for beds, bedding and storage.
 - The application process was onerous.
 - Jan. 7 move was attended by trustee from Knott Foundation, who supported the proposal.
- We did 9 moves in January, and have a waiting list of 41 households, so some clients will have to wait for more than a month to be served.
- We have 3 storage units, which are full at this time.

Emergency Services:

- Jan. men's program: 57 men, spent \$470. Jan. Food program: spent \$500

Friday Dinner Program:

- Friday dinner program served the following numbers of people in Dec. and Jan.:

12/4/15	138
12/11/15	222
12/18/15	265
12/25/15	140
1/1/2016	117
1/8/16	199
1/15/16	232
1/22/16	Blizzard
1/29/16	215
2/5/16	175
2/12/16	170
2/19/16	251
2/26/16	311

Jonestown Planning Council:

- Good meeting in January, with rep. from Mayors office and Deputy Mayor to discuss programs for the homeless.
- National Aquarium is redeveloping a property in Jonestown.
- Carmelo Anthony Center (in Jonestown) is being refurbished with \$5 mil. from Under Armour.
- 24 N. High St. had been intended for a Montessori School, but the negotiating rights are being given to a developer from DC who wants to develop a recording studio.

- Discussion of impact of homelessness on Jonestown was productive, with a few action items:
 1. City agreed that supervised public toilets are needed in Shot Tower Park, but no one to supervise the toilets.
 2. Food Dumping: it was agreed that the dumping is being done by the “donor” groups providing the food, not by the homeless people.
 3. There will be an effort to organize a meeting of stakeholders to discuss best practices for working with homeless persons.

Peace and Justice Committee:

- Social Justice Conference- March 5, 2016. Joe C. wants to set up table for TRE.
- Pax Christi: preparing for stations of the cross on Good Friday. Annual Pax Christi Conference in August at hotel near airport.
- Beyond the Boundaries: working on Count Home Act; forming coalition to revisit affordable housing legislation.
- Habitat for Humanity –Kathy Ault: Spring build not yet scheduled
- BRIDGE: Audrey participating from St. V’s.
- San Juan de Lemay-Barb Larcom is at Lemay now.
- St. V’s Stormwater: Blue Water Baltimore to develop a stormwater management concept for St. V’s. We are waiting for their proposal.

St. V’s has been given a Jesuit Volunteer position for 2016; the actual volunteer has not been selected yet.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8: 50.

Next SAC regular meeting will be Tuesday April 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Heil, Committee Co-Chair