

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish Council Meeting Notes  
June 14, 2016**

In Attendance		Absent	
Dick Lawrence	Pastor	Mark Palmer	Finance Chair
Colleen McCahill	Pastoral Associate		
Anne Freeburger	Corporator		
Graham Yearley	Corporator		
Denise Hamilton	11:45 Rep.		
Mary Kate Fries-Hershfeld	9:30 rep elect		
Mike Jacko	9:30 Rep. (Secretary)		
John Kober	7:15 rep		
Lee Krempel	9:30 Rep. / O&E Chair		
Peter LaCount	9:30 rep (Vice-President)		
Eve Prietz	7:15 rep elect		
Joe Yingling	9:30 rep (President)		
Rita McMullin	E&E Chair / Facilities Rep		
Jan Bohner	Liturgy Chair		
Peggy Meyer	Social Action Chair		

Joe Yingling called the meeting to order at 7:40 with a prayer from St. Therese of Liseux.

**Pastor's Report**

- Elevation of St. Mary Magdalene's celebration from a memorial to a feast day represents a small step forward in the Church's view on women
- Planning report update: the Archdiocese will not have its master plan ready in September
  - might be ready in January
  - this is the document setting forth clustering, resource allocation, etc.
- Parishes still expected to have their mission readiness reports ready for September
  - St. V's Mission Readiness Committee is still forming
- Selected Updates on Parishoners
  - Stephen Winter died Saturday (the 5th son that Frances Winter has buried)
  - Pat Massy is recovering
  - Bev Connoly has been transferred to hospice care
  - Joe Yingling lost his father, his mother had a heart attack

**Finance Report**

- Fr. Lawrence gave updates
- the parish is running at a slight surplus & expects to end the year that way (modestly)
- historic trust fund work is under contract (front of building: masonry, steps, windows)
  - work scheduled to begin on June 20 (might be later)
  - projected to be done in 4-6 weeks, steps an additional 4 weeks
  - there will be no access through the front of the church during the week
  - access during weekends will be through ramp door + one other door

### Archdiocesan Mission Readiness Plan

- Colleen has invited several members to serve on the committee, they all agreed
  - committee will not be able to meet until July
- the committee is to reflect on the data reflected in the parish's survey results & to prepare a document summarizing our mission readiness, answering the following prompts:
  - In light of review and reflection, where are the parish's greatest opportunities and challenges to mission readiness & missionary conversion?
  - Describe the committee's process in reaching the above conclusion.

### 175th Anniversary

- On Sunday (6/12), there was a first meeting to plan the Sept 25 Picnic in the Park
  - in addition to "normal" planning activities (menu, activities, etc), those in attendance identified unique challenges to planning a picnic in our park (facilitation of interaction between parishioners and residents)
- service
  - Apple picking arrangements are in place
  - there will also be an opportunity to crochet mats for the homeless made from recycled plastic grocery bags

### Committee Reports

- Facilities committee has planned a parish service day to recover the kneelers on July 9
- Colleen has a friend who is experienced in restoring antique furniture and who will consult on pew restoration

### Election of Parish Council Officers

- Joe Y offered to continue as president and was unanimously elected
- Mary Kate offered to serve as vice president and was unanimously elected
- Graham offered to serve as secretary and was unanimously elected

### Meetings over the Summer

- the pastor asked the chair whether the Council would meet in July and/or August
- due to the date of the picnic (September 25), Peter suggested that there might need to be an August meeting
- Peg observed that there is currently no individual person who is in charge of the Picnic in the Park
  - all the committees (and other groups) are doing discrete projects surrounding the anniversary
  - the committee chairs only see each other to exchange updates at the Council meeting
  - Lee expressed a concern that the O&E committee does not necessarily feel itself to be in charge of the event – they are a small group and the entire parish should take ownership of the celebration
  - Jan B. suggested that Lauren coordinate communication among committees
  - Joe Y. indicated that his understanding was that Lauren would do so
- for the 175th, the E&E committee is currently working on three projects:

- a historical photo collage
- a video about what is going on in the parish now
- a play about the history of the parish
- in light of the above, the Council agreed that we would have no meeting in July and that our next meeting would be in August 9

Conclusion: We recited the Lord's Prayer (and sang Happy Birthday to Anne), and the meeting adjourned at 9:00.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for August 9 , 2016

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Jacko

## COMMITTEES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes and Reports: May, 2016

### EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

- Met on June 9
- We had a meeting which almost exclusively revolved around the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations. We were asked by the staff to possibly prepare a presentation of some sort for the occasion. Several ideas came out of this:
  - An upbeat video, which involves lots of coordination and will probably involve a professional—there is much research to do for this and/or
  - A series of posters reflecting our history. We will need a professional to download the very old and precious photos to the computer. Colleen has good ideas on this.
  - And/or a play on the history of St. V, to be put on sometime around the 11/6 Anniversary Mass, but NOT on that day. The play will possibly be similar to the one performed many years ago, maybe around the time of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- All of these are in their infancy stage of planning!

Respectfully submitted, Rita McMullin, Chairperson

### FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- Met on 5/31
  - in attendance: Bob Betta, Bob Ball, Bob Reuter, Denny McMullin, Rita McMullin, Charlie Chapman, Colleen McCahill
- Work was scheduled to begin on repair of the church roof on June 1. Workers need 3 consecutive dry days in order to do the repair.
- Preparation for the 11/6 Anniversary Mass:
  - No additional information had been gathered regarding the purchase of new tables and chairs for the undercroft other than what Jim Dimmer had reported at the last meeting. We now have 33 tables and 235 chairs. After further discussion, it was suggested that we will check with party rental companies regarding where they get their tables and chairs and whether they might sell their used items.
  - There was discussion regarding repair and recovering of the kneelers. It was decided to schedule this work for Saturday, July 9 at 9am until 3pm. We are hoping to have a volunteer crew, as part of the service day for St. Vincent's feast day.
  - Extensive discussion occurred regarding the need for repair and refinishing the pews. We are exploring getting information from experts in this field.
  - The re-lining of the parking lot was discussed and it was agreed that this project needs to be done ASAP, possibly 6/25. Jim D. and a few others will be completing this.
  - We discussed clearing out, finishing the exposed wall, and cleaning the undercroft. It was decided that Jim will be coordinating this effort.
- The gutter on the south side of the church is not working. Lou Mank is aware of this and has agreed to repair it.

- Bob Reuter brought ADA compliant door handles for the bathroom door at church. Jim D. will evaluate them.
- The work on the front of the church is set to begin on 6/20. This work will involve the installation of scaffolding. It will be done during the week and is projected to take 6 weeks. BTG has assured us that the handicapped ramp will be accessible on Sundays; the main steps will be **inaccessible** during this process. There was also discussion of the windows in the front which need to be restored and repainted. Fr. Lawrence and Colleen will be meeting with Artisan Glass on 6/1 to discuss this.
- Charlie Chapman agreed to serve as co-chair of the committee for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis McMullin

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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#### LITURGY COMMITTEE

- The Committee has not met since March. It will meet again in August for a longer planning meeting/retreat.
- Janice Bonner will be our new chair.
- Summer Series:
  - The Summer Series has experienced a few hiccups, but we're back on track.
  - Audrey, Anne Maura, Janice and Matt Hill are coordinating the series (major thanks to Audrey!).
  - Once we're finalized, Audrey will communicate the details and a proposed handout to Outreach and Education (if she hasn't already done so).
  - The Summer Series will consist of 3 Sundays focusing on certain themes we see reflected in the Mass:
    - July 10- Community
    - July 17- Transcendence
    - July 31- Solidarity
  - There will be a focused Call to Worship, a thematic homily, and a post communion slide show.

#### OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Lee Krempel is the new chair

#### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- Meeting Notes April. 19, 2016.
  - Attending: Peggy Meyer, Peggy Cronyn, Joe Cronyn, Jack Schmidt, Mary Lukaitis, Ray Heil,
- Joe led the group in prayer, reading the beatitudes from the Gospel of John
- Baltimore County Source of Income Legislation:
  - 6 people from St. V's attended meeting April 18 in Towson on the HOME Act.

- Five people spoke in support of HOME Act; several spoke against Section 8 voucher system.
- No vote was taken last night. Matt Hill was instrumental in writing the proposal.
- State Legislative Update:
  - Peggy M. thanked those who had called their legislators.
  - Results of some of the legislation we supported:
    - Pollinator Protection and Sustainable Oyster passed;
    - Carbon emission reduction act passed (40% reduction from 2006 levels by 2030) and Clean Energy Jobs bill increasing electricity from solar to 25% both passed.
    - HB 820 (REDUCE Act- poultry waste) and HB 31- The Bag ban- did not pass.
    - Healthy Working Families (Sick Leave) did not pass the Senate but it did pass the House and looks promising for next year.
- Jonestown Planning Council- Joe reported:
  - Peggy M, Mary, Jack, Chuck were at last meeting with presentations by Living Classrooms and Under Armour, to redo and manage the Carmelo Anthony Center, on E. Fayette St. with major investments in the center. The Center will attempt to attract kids from south of Fayette St.
  - Kelly Cross, candidate for City Council also spoke, with positive message about Jonestown.
  - City Homeless Services and United Way are working to address issues in the “homeless corridor” including St. V’s Park, including food dumping.
  - Joe working to advance communication among homeless services providers. Rescue Mission on Central Ave. has been participating in JPC meetings.
- Emergency Services:
  - JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health: doing study of extreme poverty, health of children, interviewed and enlisted participants on Friday Night. Friday Night Program now called Breaking Bread with the Hungry.
  - March men’s program: 48 men, spent \$396 .
  - March Food program: spent \$629
  - Friday dinner program served the following numbers of people in March: 164, 255, 275 and 268.
- Peace and Justice Committee:
  - Mary reviewed highlights from PJ Committee-see minutes from PJ Committee meeting.
  - Pax Christi National Gathering (Aug. 12-14) Mary and Jack involved in planning and logistics. Venue: Doubletree Hotel near airport. To register, go to PaxChristiUSA.org
  - Social Justice Conference- March 5, 2016. Table for TRE attracted interest, but no volunteers recruited from that event.

- BRIDGE
  - Audrey outlined by-laws which were approved at last meeting-preliminary to getting 501c3 status. BRIDGE needs new officers.
  - Habitat for Humanity –Kathy Ault to contact us re Spring build.
  - Beyond the Boundaries: new ED being hired.
  - Immigration: Supreme Court heard oral arguments, will probably result in 4-4 tie, and revert to Texas court injunction against Obama executive action.
  - Interfaith: May 3 7PM presentation: Muslim Perspective at Reginald Lewis Museum
  
- St. V's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:
  - Day of service on Sat., Sept. 24; Feast Day Sept. 25th.
  - Day of Service on 9/24 will be picking apples at an orchard in the city, and apples will be distributed in city. Caroline Umana will coordinate with Peggy.
  - Outreach and Evangelization Committee will coordinate/plan 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mass on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with Archbishop Lori presiding.
  
- TRE: Peggy C: We will contact the move coordinators at Charlestown and other retirement communities.
  - We have a waiting list of 48 people, so at 8 moves per month we have a wait of six months. We will schedule an additional 2 Tuesdays in May for 12 moves. Volunteers have stepped up. We need furniture for the additional moves.
  - We received a grant from Knott Foundation for \$12,800 for beds, bedding and storage, and \$5,000 from Abel Foundation.
  - TRE asks that members of the parish and of parish committees no longer refer to people who are experiencing homelessness as “the homeless” but rather refer as “people who are experiencing homelessness.”
  
- St. V's Stormwater:
  - Blue Water Baltimore stormwater management concept for St. V's. under consideration by Ray, Colleen and Lauren.
  - The concept includes planters and cisterns to capture stormwater off the roofs, improvements to the park, and removal of concrete paving and introduction of planters along Lexington St.
  - A detailed proposal will be developed and presented to Parish Council.
  
- St. V's has been given a Jesuit Volunteer position for 2016; two candidates were interviewed, but no selection has been made.
  
- The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:05. Next SAC regular meeting will be Tuesday June 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Heil, Committee Co-Chair