

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

October 12, 2016

The meeting was brought to order by the Council President, Joe Yingling, at 7:37pm with a recitation of a prayer by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. In attendance: Colleen McCullough (Pastoral Associate), Laureen Brunelli (Parish Administrator), Joe Yingling (President), Mary Kate Fries (Vice President), Graham Yearley Co-Corporator/Secretary, Anne Freeburger (Co-Corporator), Janice Bonner (Chair, Liturgy Com.), Peggy Meyer (Chair, Social Action), Lee Krempel (Outreach Com.), Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee), Codie Perry (Jesuit Volunteer), Rita McMullin (Chair, Education and Enrichment), Eve Prietz (7:15 Mass Rep.) and Denise Hamilton (11:45 Mass Rep.).

Pastoral Associate's Report

Colleen McCahill reported on the condition of Fr. Lawrence who is currently in the I.C.U. of Mercy Hospital. He is undergoing dialysis to bring up and stabilize his blood pressure. While he is sleepy, he is alert when awakened. Barbara Hodnett visits daily as does Colleen McCahill. Fr. Lawrence's nieces are also visiting. Parishioners are welcome to visit, but asked to keep visits short. Fr. Lawrence said he is praying for the parish and asks that we pray for him.

Archdiocese Parish/Pastorate Planning

Colleen reported that the priests of the Archdiocese met two weeks ago and were informed about which churches were going into a particular pastorate. They were asked not to discuss what they learned. Four days later the staff personnel of the churches of the Archdiocese met with Archdiocesan representatives and were told about the reasons for the changes, but not about the particular assignments of churches. A few days later we were informed that St. Vincent's would be in a pastorate with St. Leo's in Little Italy.

Pastorates will be comprised of two to five parishes sharing one pastor, one parish council and one staff. Individual priests will celebrate three masses a weekend between the churches of the pastorate. Offertories, presumably, will be shared, but each parish will be able to keep their endowments. Every parish in the Archdiocese is involved in this plan. Some pastorates will be formed quickly and others more slowly over time.

A long discussion followed. Mark Palmer, who attended St. Leo's, said the church is very traditional and focused on their Italian heritage and families who have been members for generations. They are not particularly directed towards evangelization or social action. The Palatine Order has run St. Leo's for many years. The current pastor of St. Leo's is in Italy at this moment. Mark added that both parishes are financially stable.

Colleen proposed three options of what might happen: 1) Fr. Lawrence will be pastor of both churches, 2) the pastor of St. Leo's will be pastor of both churches or 3) the Archdiocese will assign a priest to head both churches. She added that now is the time to add our input to the

ongoing process and, if we think another parish would be a better fit, we should agitate to be assigned with them before a regional meeting on November 11th. Mark Palmer added we could provide a model for how Parish Life Directors would lead parishes.

The Council developed a plan to present this complicated, but important development to the parish. This weekend, packets of information about the whys and hows of the pastorates from the Archdiocese will be given out to parishioners for them to read and consider. Next weekend, October 21st through 23rd, there will be an information presentation between the 9:30 and 11:45 masses and Monday, October 24th, we will hold a town meeting for parishioners to share their views and ask questions. If the packets don't arrive by this weekend, we will copy the six pages that Colleen gave to the Council members.

Priests will hear about their futures by the end of the year and in January of 2017, Archbishop Lori will ratify the pastorate plan.

175th Anniversary Celebration

Archbishop Lori will be visiting St. Vincent's on Sunday, November 6th. He will most likely celebrate the mass as Fr. Lawrence may not have returned by then. Frs. Caterna will be in attendance. There will be only one mass on Sunday morning at 10am. The scripture readings are chosen and Colleen will be the Liturgy Planner. Joe Organ has most of the music selected and the choir has been rehearsing for November 6th already. Brass instrument players have been hired for the occasion. A large cake will be served and we hope to have a champagne/sparkling cider toast with the Archbishop. Jerome Bird will be presented with the Great Seal of St. Vincent's during the mass.

Financial Report

Mark Palmer gave the highlights of the offertory/attendance figures for the first 3 months of the fiscal year. There has been a 6.7% increase per person to the offertory. There was a slight dip in attendance following the trend of the last few years.

Statue in the Park

The Archdiocese sent us a letter disclosing that there is a donor for a statue entitled "Homeless Jesus" and they thought our park would be the appropriate place to put it. There is a small version of the statue on Fr. Lawrence's desk. The Council agreed it was a generous offer which we will be happy to accept.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:28pm with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham G. Yearley, Secretary and Co-Corporator

Liturgy Committee Report

The Liturgy Committee met on September 26. The minutes have yet to be approved. I have included two items from the agenda and the decisions that the members made regarding those points:

175th Anniversary celebration

The readings for the liturgy were selected: Genesis 28: 11-18; 1Pt 2: 4-9; Lk 19: 1-10. Colleen McCahill will be the liturgy planner.

Christmas Eve

It was agreed that the liturgies for Christmas would be 5:30, 8:30, midnight on Christmas Eve; 12:00 on Christmas Day

Janice Bonner

Facilities Committee Report

October 6, 2016 meeting

Work and Preparation for Nov 6, 2016 175th anniversary mass

October 15, 2016 @ 8: 30am Saturday

Frame and drywall undercroft doorway (park side)

Wednesday October 19, 2016 @ 8am

Jim to acquire large dumpster, for the day, to remove broken, damaged, and unusable "stuff" in the undercroft and stairwell.

Sunday October 23, 2016 After 11:45 mass

Colleen and friends to paint church pews.

Monday October 24, 2016 beginning @ 7am

Begin the tasks of stripping and waxing the undercroft floor

Respectfully submitted by

Dennis McMullin

St. Vincent de Paul Church Social Action Committee

Meeting minutes for October 5, 2016. Attending: Peggy Meyer, Peggy Cronyn, Joe Cronyn, Jack Schmidt, Mary Laukaitis, Ray Heil, Marcia Metzler, Chuck and Pat Frascati

Next SAC regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Service day 9/24/26 We had 43 volunteers, some from Jesuit volunteers and some from Roots and Branches; Great participation, but there were fewer apples because of the rain and end of the season; seven people participated in weaving sleeping mats from plastic bags, but it is a slow, time-consuming process and will have to be completed at home.

St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day liturgy, Sept. 25: some positive feedback.

After the mass, the picnic in the park was successful with a large number of participants.

175th Anniversary mass: Nov. 6, 2016. Archbishop Lori to preside.

The Resource Exchange: Peggy C. indicated that there will be two extra days of moves in Nov. and Dec. We have sufficient volunteers for moving crew, but need "hospitality volunteers". Our inventory is sufficient also. Bob Betta and Bob Ball continue to pick up furniture on evenings each week. There are new protocols with HCH to address the problem of clients not being available for the moves. As an allvolunteer organization, we can only do 8 moves per month, even though there is a 4 month waiting list. Mary Laukaitis has volunteered to do site surveys prior to the move to determine what is needed and if there is adequate access.

One of the clients had a housewarming party for the TRE volunteers, which was a charming affair. She is doing much better than previously and is successfully employed.

Friday Dinner Program guests in Sept.: 183, 279, 217, 316, 222

Jonestown Planning Council- Meeting on Sept. 6.: presenter was Peggy Webster from City – Perkins Homes has new developer (same as for Old Town-Somerset Homes project), which will add additional acreage and permit less dense development as part of a larger Central Avenue redevelopment. 800 affordable units are to be built to replace 800 units being razed.

Ronald McDonald House is moving forward; the Hendler Building may move forward next year. Helping Up Mission expanding into MD Logix Building, which they purchased. They plan to start a women's program. HUM also plans to acquire old St. Vincent de Paul property on Central avenue.

UA House is new name for Carmelo Anthony Center; Under Armour is investing in the center.

Women's Civic League will have an apple festival in Shot Tower Park on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Chuck will introduce the Question J which will set up an affordable housing trust fund at next meeting on Nov. 1.

Homeless Coalition at Convention Center: United Way project Homeless Connect provided dental, vision, and health services, and other practical services on Friday Sept. 30. The lines were very long, especially for vision. Mary Laukaitis has proposed that vision services be brought to St. V's undercroft several times per year. Colleen supports this idea, and Mary will pursue its implementation.

Emergency Services: Colleen was intending to reach out to City Springs housing community in the Jonestown neighborhood to inform them of the services available at St. V's.

Men's program: 42 men in Sept., \$1064 was spent.

Food program: no funds spent in Sept.

Peace and Justice Committee: see minutes from Peace and Justice Committee meeting of Oct. 3, attached.

Pax Christi convention: Ray Kelly from St. Peter Claver and Sr. Patricia Chappelle led a cleanup of a vacant lot in Sandtown-Winchester, with several St. V's participants.
Day of Reflection Oct. 22 at St. Vincent's: "Advancing the Kingdom of God in the 21st Century."

BRIDGE- achieved 501c3 status; working on Port Covington Project.

Interfaith Activities: Murphy Initiative event on Oct. 29

Environment: Application to Chesapeake Bay Trust submitted by Ray for engineering of a stormwater management project for St. Vincent's property- results available in December.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Heil

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2016

Present: Barbara Bowles, Mary Catherine Bunting, Chuck Frascati, Mary Laukaitis, Peggy Meyer, Dennis Moore

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Jonestown Planning Council
General Membership Meeting
Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016

In Attendance: Mike Moraz (McKim Center); Codie Perry, Joe Cronyn, Chuck Frascati, Mary Laukaitis, Peggy Meyer, Jack Schmidt (St. V's); Carlton Epps, Roxanne Epps, Dominic DiCocco, Lindsay Thompson, Karen Fowler, Kelvin Barton, Harry Good (Jonestown residents); Meg Ward, Travis Street (Living Classrooms); Man Fai Lau (Tong Le Montessori School); Bob Gehman (Helping Up Mission); Marvin Pinkert (Jewish Museum); Jenny Hamilton (National Aquarium); Sandy Pagnotti (Ronald McDonald House); Amy Snyder, Amelia Campbell, Bertha Pinder, Celeste Scott, Denise DeLeaver (Women's Civic League); Keith Barker (Commercial Development); Peggy Webster, Kevin Haberl (HABC); Ian Schlakman (City Council candidate); Marianne Navarro (Mayor's Office); David Fakunle (Health Department); Johns Hopkins University CityLab students. Meeting began shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Perkins Homes Redevelopment

Peggy Webster of Baltimore Housing updated us on the redevelopment of the Perkins Homes public housing site. The City is now negotiating with a development team (Beatty, Henson, Commercial Development, Mission First) which is already involved in developing the Oldtown/Somerset site to the north. Joint development of both sites permits some additional flexibility in reducing density on the Perkins land. The goal is still to win a HUD Choice Neighborhood grant, but that's temporarily on hold till results of the 2016 presidential election are known. Nonetheless, redevelopment is already proceeding with four public housing renovations underway nearby. The website for the Perkins Project is <http://www.baltimorehousing.org/perkinsproject/>.

UA House

Meg Ward and Travis Street announced that the renovated UA (as in "Under Armour") House would begin occupancy on Sept. 12th, with the after-school program (115 students at first) starting on Sept. 19th. Formal grand opening is scheduled for the second half of November.

Ronald McDonald House

Sandy Pagnotti reported that fundraising is well underway and that ground breaking should take place in the first quarter of 2017.

Helping Up Mission

Bob Gehman announced that Helping Up Mission has outgrown its existing facilities. They have recently purchased 6 N. Central Avenue and 1210 E. Baltimore Street for expansion. Plans are still in formulation, but the Central Avenue property is likely to house relocated overnight guest accommodations. The Baltimore Street property is much larger, likely to house women's programs and other facilities. Bob will keep JPC informed of planning as it evolves.

Bike Sharing

Joe Cronyn announced that Bike Sharing would be coming to Jonestown. A Bike Share station (photos were distributed) is being installed at the Metro station in October—one of ten initial Bike Share stations in the City. Bike Share is also looking for a second location in/near Jonestown and wants community input.

Hendler Creamery

Keith Barker reported that demolition of the buildings surrounding the Creamery should begin in about four months.

Shot Tower Park

Amy Snyder reported that the Women's Civic League would hold its annual Apple Festival on October 8th (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) at the Shot Tower Park. Unfortunately conditions in the park

continue to be unwholesome. A group of stakeholders and City representatives have met, but limited Parks & Recreation budget has meant that any action will likely be slow.

Our Home Jonestown

After a successful festival this past Spring, the Jonestown cultural institutions are arranging for a neighborhood festival on April 29th 2017. Put it on your calendar.

Apologies for any omissions regarding other topics brought up. **Thanks to all who participated in a very lively discussion—typical for our involved Jonestown neighbors.**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

NEXT JPC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

COME...AND BRING A FRIEND

Any comments/questions on the JPC minutes, please contact Joe Cronyn at (410) 299-5679.