

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

June 13, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35 pm by the Council President, Joe Yingling. A prayer from *Laudatio Si* was said. Also in attendance: Fr. Ray Chase (Pastor), Colleen McCahill (Pastoral Associate), Mary Kate Fries (Vice President of the Parish Council), Mike Jacko (9:30 Mass Rep.), Dan Rolandelli (9:30 Mass Rep.), Eve Prietz (7:15 Mass Rep.), Audrey Rogers (Chair, Liturgy Committee), Rita McMullin (Chair, Education and Enrichment Committee), and Denny McMullin (Chair, Facilities Committee).

Absent: Anne Freeburger (Co-Corporator), Graham G. Yearley (Co-Corporator and Secretary of Parish Council), Lee Krempel (9:30 Mass Rep., Chair, Engagement and Outreach), Denise Hamilton (11:45 Mass Rep.), Peggy Meyer (Chair, Social Action Committee), Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee), Anne Gibson, Director of Education for Children.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Ray announced that he has settled in at the parish and now has regular hours every week. He updated the Council on the status of the park and the uptick in drug-related events. He said it would be the topic of the upcoming staff meeting. He believes that both the issue of donors and drug trade/use need to be addressed. He thinks the needs of different constituencies in the park need to be identified, a vision developed, programs implemented, and goals set for each so evaluation can occur. He expressed deep gratitude to the Friends of St V Park and all they have been doing. Additional cameras have been placed on the Front St side of the church and those in the park be notified that tapes will be shared with BCPD if illegal activities are observed.

Fr. Ray will be officially installed as pastor when Archbishop Lori visits St V on August 20 at a special 10 AM Mass. Attention needs to be paid over the next few weeks to prepare for the special rubrics required by the installation. Colleen is working with the Archbishop's secretary to attend to this. It is noted that Denny McMullin will likely be wearing long pants at this important celebration.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE'S REPORT

Colleen McCahill thanked Fr. Ray for serving as a bridge on Sunday morning between the people inside the church and those outside.

She noted that next Sunday is Corpus Christi, the annual feast at which married couples renew their vows. Newly trained Eucharistic Ministers will also be commissioned.

Related to the campus, she noted that the rectory wall ivy has been trimmed back, a new dumpster has been added to accommodate the debris from the continuing effort to ‘de-clutter’ the buildings (inside and out). The church roof will be recoated before the end of this FY 17. The selected “patina” color was not as expected and would have changed the character of the church’s exterior; therefore, a more moderate ‘forest green’ was substituted. Ray Heil’s grant for storm water remediation allowed for consultation with a design team for installation which occurred in early June. The team also advised on the placement of the “Homeless Jesus” statue which should arrive at St V within the next two months.

Plans for the new banner are near completion with a goal of installation by St V Feast day at the end of September.

OLD BUSINESS

Future Planning for the Pastorate: There has been no further communication from the Archdiocese on the planning process. It was recommended that Council members and committee members take this time to review the materials that are in hand – both the survey data and the parish’s Mission Readiness Statement. Joe noted that these are in the Google Drive set up for the Council members. Fr. Ray asked if the parish could have access and Joe offered to add the materials to the website for public review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Enrichment: The minutes from their July 11 meeting are appended below.

Facilities: No report.

Finance: The overall amount budgeted for FY 17 was very close to the expenditures encountered despite the fact that this year was a very unusual one with unexpected needs. Certain budgeted areas (evangelization) were underspent

while others (facility needs, visiting priest coverage) were over-budget. The Finance Committee is currently formulating FY 18.

A question arose about the amount in the Lithuanian Fund for our sister parish. The fund has grown year-by-year after Fr. Dick lost his contact for the transfer of funds. Colleen is working on a new method of transfer that looks promising. Mike Jacko may be able to identify a means if needed.

Friends of St V Park: No report.

Liturgy: Report appended below.

Outreach and Engagement: No report.

Social Action: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Youth: Rita McMullin brought up an issue discussed at the Education and Enrichment Committee Meeting about the lack of children in programs at St V. (See E&E committee minutes appended below.) There ensued a wide ranging discussion on needs and ideas. Rita will tell Anne to invite children from Sts. James and John to Vacation Bible School.

Joe took photos of present members for the Council Board in the Gathering Space.

A closing prayer was said and non-voting members were asked to leave the room for elections to occur.

Officers for 2017-2018

President: Mike Jacko

Vice President: Eve Prietz

Secretary: Anne Freeburger

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Rogers acting for Graham Yearley, secretary to the Parish Council

Liturgy Committee Report to Parish Council
June 2017

The Liturgy Committee met on May 13 with Fr. Ray in attendance. Our May meetings are used to evaluate the services of Lent and Holy Week, plan the Summer Series and annual August retreat, explore objectives for the upcoming year, and select new chairs.

Fr. Ray had earlier encouraged a focus on evangelization. The Summer Series team will present stories from the Acts of the Apostles (July 16, 23 and August 13, 20) using the homily to ‘prime the pump’ attitudinally on evangelization. A fuller exploration of how the committee can present evangelization will happen at the retreat (August 26). We will rely on the Mission Readiness Statement, the AoB Core Mission Priorities, Gerald O’Collins “The Spirituality of Vatican II”, among other background materials.

The retreat will also be used to define the committee’s 2017-2018 objectives.

CORRECTION: The dates of the Summer Series have been changed to July 9, 16, and 23 owing to the Archbishop’s visit.

Minutes of the Education and Enrichment Committee: June 11, 2017