

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Council

October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Mike Jacko, with the reading of "May I Be Worthy of Your Trust" by Daniel A. Lord, S. J. Also in attendance: Fr. Ray Chase (Pastor), Colleen McCahill (Pastoral Associate), Laureen Brunelli (Administrator, Director of Evangelization), Eve Prietz (Vice-President, 7:15 Rep), Denise Hamilton (11:45 Rep), Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee), Graham Yearley (Corporator), Audrey Rogers (Chair, Liturgy Committee), Peggy Meyer (Chair, Social Action Committee), Dennis McMullin (Chair, Facilities Committee), Rita McMillan (Chair, Education and Enrichment Committee), Patrick Fisher (Jesuit Volunteer) Joe Yingling (9:30 Rep), Mary Lynn Myers, Mike Kelly, John Gantrum, and Anne Freeburger (Corporator, Secretary).

Absent were: Lee Krempel (9:30 Rep, Chair, Engagement and Outreach Committee), Dan Rolandelli (9:30 Rep), Mary-Kate Fries-Hershfeld (9:30 Rep), Anne Gibson (Director of Education for Children).

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Ray reported on the soon-to-be-vacant Facilities position. He has discussed an equal split of the position with Fr. Marty but believes that Corpus Christi prefers to hire someone for their own position. Jim Dimmer will remain with us through mid-November and is helping to write the new job description. It is thought that we do not need this to be a full-time position. Laureen is pricing cleaning resources, especially for cleaning the floor in the undercroft. The Archdiocese will help us to advertise this job position.

Fr. Ray has some suggestions for improving donations in the park which he will share with us.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE'S REPORT

Colleen stated that the Bishop's Peace Dinner will be held here on Tuesday, November 14, and will be catered this year. If you wish to attend, please let Colleen know. She is also looking for a few parishioners who can host one of the attendees.

There are several strategies for locating the Homeless Jesus statue with the park. Discussion is ongoing because there are advantages and disadvantages to each possible location.

We have received a \$75,000 grant for storm water remediation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mike requested that the committee chairs update their reports.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mark announced that the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Stability will hold its first meeting on next Wednesday, October 18, from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. He also reported on the first quarter financial statement which covers July 1 to September 30, 2017. Attendance is down about 5%. Income has experienced a small drop, partially due to the collection which was donated to hurricane relief. In general expenses have been balanced by revenue.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Audrey stated that Advent is totally planned. The committee has given a letter to Colleen to be distributed at Liturgy this Sunday.

EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

Rita said that about 14 parishioners attended the podcast meeting last Sunday. John Moore chose the topics. The next podcast will be shared on October 22. These meetings were scheduled to coincide with Faith, Fun, Fellowship so that parents might attend and 4 of them did. It was suggested that the link to the podcasts be put in the newsletter so that parishioners who cannot attend the meetings can discuss the topics.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Denny reported that there are problems with the ceiling in the sacristy and that committee members are looking into doing repairs. It was suggested that we might investigate providing individual cushions for our pews.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Peggy said that 12 parishioners volunteered for the day of service with Civic Works. Six parishioners also volunteered at St. Vincent's Cemetery. Participants were requested to take pictures which could be shared in the newsletter.

The committee is continuing its work with immigration and sanctuaries. Guiliana Vlaencia-Banks and Louise Gregg will give a presentation on immigration on Sunday, October 29.

Project Homeless will hold an event at the Convention Center on Thursday and Under Armour will hold another on November 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Fr. Ray suggested that we try to improve the distribution of food in the park. He is hoping get the donors to self-organize the donations, especially those of food. Colleen said that we need to stop many of the donors from dumping in the park. Laureen commented that the use of drugs has become more prevalent in the park. She thinks that we should close the park temporarily to change the current culture. Mary Lynn said that more parishioners need to become active in the park and suggested that training on dealing with the homeless might be a good idea.

There are rules which need to be enforced:

- No donations before 1:00 pm on Sundays.
- No parking along Front Street.
- Groups and individuals need to register if they are going to donate.
- Don't throw clothing donations over the railings

Mary Lynn thinks that some parishioners are afraid of the park residents.

Mike Jacko suggested that we develop a schedule for those who donate to the park regularly and deter other donors by not allowing unscheduled donations.

Mike Kelly said that some of the donors want to make the park better.

Mike Jacko said that we should use donor's charitable impulses as a way to educate people about giving.

One problem seems to be an excess of donations and a party atmosphere on the weekends while there is a lack of an evening meal on many weekdays.

Audrey said that at one point there had been a schedule of donors like the Salvation Army who took responsibility for providing meals during the week.

Mary Lynn suggested a town meeting for parishioners to discuss the issues.

Mike Kelly said that he was willing to hold an exploratory meeting with 5 – 7 of the regular donors to discuss if they

are willing to organize and which days they might be responsible for providing food. He will report to the Council at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 7.

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, after the 11:45 liturgy.

Mike Jacko announced that since the Outreach and Engagement Committee has become a committee with only one member, Lee Krempel has resigned as Chairperson. The committee's work needs to be parish work. Mike commented that we need to live the Gospel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Freeburger
Secretary

Education and Enrichment – The report is in the minutes above.

Facilities Committee – The report is attached below.

Liturgy Committee – The report is attached below.

Outreach and Engagement – No report.

Peace and Justice – No additional report.

Social Action Committee – The report is in the minutes above.

Facilities Committee Minutes

9/26/2017

Present: Fr. Ray, Bob Betta, Bob Ball, Bob Reuter, Charlie Chapman, Andy Chapman, Rita McMullin, Denny McMullin

Absent: Jim Dimmer, Colleen McCahill

- Meeting opened with a prayer.
- Fr. Ray's Report:
 - Check roof for leaks
 - Coating of roof to be followed soon after
 - Painting of sanctuary (needs budget approval)
 - Gutter repairs to have been completed 9/27/17
 - Annual roof inspection discussed
 - Discussed possibility of hiring companies to clean both the rectory and the outside campus
 - Also discussed use of environmentally friendly cleaning products
 - Homeless Jesus is being stored in Michigan, to be eventually shipped to St. V
 - Discussed a new location for Homeless Jesus and the preparation for the permanent site
 - A pallet jack is needed once Homeless Jesus is delivered; Denny's son has access to a pallet jack

- A strategic plan for the use of the park was mentioned; Parish Council to have final decision
- Ray Heil provided copies of the storm water drainage plan for the park and for the parking lot. (Ray Heil was not in attendance.)
- Repair of/additional lighting on the parking lot will be addressed by the staff
- Bob Ball to speak with Jim Dimmer regarding repair of Lexington St. light
- New Business:
 - Wall in undercroft to be finished
 - Facility Committee members to check out ceiling in Sacristy; Andy and Mary Lynn to clean out with guidance from Barbara Hodnett, followed by repair
 - Providing possible individual seat cushions for parishioners
 - Discussed job description for Jim's successor; It was mentioned that, for the job interviews, staff and the heads of the Facilities Committee and the head of Parish Council should be present
 - Discussed assigning members of the committee to inspect different parts of the church, rectory, and outside campus
- Next meeting: 11/16/2017 at 7pm
- Meeting was closed with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis McMullin, Chair

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Liturgy Committee Report to Parish Council
October 10, 2017

The committee held its last meeting on September 9, 2017.

We set these goals for the upcoming year:

1. Keeping in mind that we are planning a "liturgical year of missionary discipleship and allowing the theme of evangelization to permeate the consciousness and life of the parish," the committee will undertake:
 - (a) to provide guidance to the community about liturgical practices to increase active participation in liturgies
 - (b) to support the pastor in a program of creedal homiletics
 - (c) to plan seasonal liturgies thematically attuned to this two-phase process.
2. The committee will conduct training of lectors and liturgy planners.

Progress and Status:

1a/b. A letter to the community has been drafted and is being reviewed by Fr. Ray.

1c. Advent planning is in full mode with the next meeting scheduled on October 10.

2. The evaluation team has been identified for the lector training and is about to start their own evaluation process and initiation. Formal liturgy planner training will follow the lector trainings; in the meantime, new instructions are being mailed to planners as they are assigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Rogers