

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Council Minutes  
July 9, 2019

In Attendance: Amber Hendricks (9:30 rep, Parish Council President; Chair, Ad Hoc Committee); Fr. Ray Chase (Pastor); Colleen MCahill (Pastoral Associate); Anne Freeburger (Corporator); Graham Yearley (Corporator) ; Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee); Peggy Meyer (Chair, Social Action Committee); Dennis & Rita McMullin (Facilities Committee); Alana Florio (ALIVE); John Moore (Chair, Education & Enrichment Committee), Al Reichelt, (Co-Chair, Liturgy Committee); Gerry Fialkowski (Co-Chair, Liturgy Committee); laisha Payton (11:45 rep); Peggy Shouse (9:30 rep, Vice-President).

Absent: Corinne Agren-Barnes (9:30 rep, Secretary); Chris Whitney (7:15 rep); Ned Banks, (9:30 rep).

President Amber Hendricks opened the meeting with prayer at 7:31.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Ray acknowledged Colleen McCahill and Mark Palmer for all their hard work throughout the budget preparation process.

Fr. Ray reported that Fr. Lawrence is recuperating well after his recent hospital stay. Barbara Hodnett is recovering from her illness, but will not be back in the office for 2-3 weeks. Fr. Chuck Canterna is not progressing as well as hoped and probably will be in the hard collar until the end of August.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: The summer series on the book of Revelation is underway.

The recessed lighting in the church is outdated and bulbs are almost impossible to obtain. The current bulbs will be replaced with LED lights. An electrician is necessary to disable certain parts of the old system. The results should give better lighting in the church.

Last day for Danny Todesca, our Jesuit Volunteer, is July 31, 2019. He is hoping to find a job and remain in the Baltimore area.

The new Jesuit Volunteer, Brian Martindale, will begin on August 12, 2019.

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE: This committee has not met since the last parish council. John Moore reported that 36 people attended the Brunch With...Arthur Jones. The next Brunch With... is scheduled for August 11.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Denis McMullin said that the committee will meet later in July to prioritize and move forward on the needs assessment.

[Amber mentioned difficulties some members are having with access to the Parish Council folder.]

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The draft budget is ready for the Council to consider.

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Al Reichelt reported that the committee co-chairs for this year and last will be meeting on July 10 with Fr. Ray and Colleen to plan the Liturgy Retreat for August 24.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: Peggy Meyer reported on the Community Solar project: 52 people expressed interest, of whom 44 actually signed up for solar energy.

There will be an Affordable Housing Rally July 25 from 5-7:30 pm at the Curtis Bay Recreation Center.

The Lights for Liberty event will take place at City Hall on July 12 from 7-9 pm. A group will be leaving the St. V's parking lot at 6:45 to walk over to City Hall.

ALIVE: Alana Florio reported that the group will be meeting on July 10 at 7 pm to discuss how to move forward after the recent Vatican publication.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: Amber Hendricks reported that members of the committee met with representatives of 5 other parishes to share what is being done and to discuss what other actions can be taken.

OLD BUSINESS: The Sacred Purpose Workshop will be on September 7, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm, with coffee at 8:30 am. The workshop is to be a discussion guided by the archdiocese to discover and define who we are as a parish in order to enable and enhance our outreach.

The list of people invited was amended. Those on the list who were present at the council meeting indicated whether they would be able to attend. Specific people were designated to contact the remaining people on the list.

NEW BUSINESS: The proposed budget had been made available to council members for examination prior to the meeting. Mark Palmer pointed out that there were actually two budgets, the general budget and the Charitable Funds budget. The separate Charitable Funds budget was created to separate from the general budget funds that are designated for a specific purpose or otherwise restricted. Mark reviewed with the council both budgets section by section, sometimes line by line, assisted at times by Colleen.

After some clarification and discussion, Amber Hendricks moved adoption of the budget as discussed, Peggy Shouse seconded the motion, and the budget was adopted by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Shouse

In the absence of Corinne Agren-Barnes, Secretary