

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

St. Vincent de Paul Church

December 13, 2016

The meeting was brought to order at 7:42pm by the Council President, Joe Yingling, with a prayer by Teilhard de Chardin. In attendance: Colleen McCahill (Pastoral Associate), Laureen Brunelli (Parish Administrator), Joe Yingling (President, Parish Council), Mary Kate Fries (Council Vice-President), Anne Freeburger (Co-Corporator), Graham G. Yearley (Co-Corporator and Council Secretary), Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee), Denny McMullin (Chair, Facilities Committee), Rita McMullin (Chair, Education and Enrichment), Mike Jacko (9:30 Mass Rep.), Peggy Meyer (Co-Chair, Social Action Committee), Janice Bonner (Chair, Liturgy Committee), Lee Krempel (Outreach and Communications Committee), and Codie Perry (Jesuit Volunteer).

Pastoral Associate's Report

1. The Archdiocese appointed two new bishops. It is not clear what jobs they will be assigned. Bishop Madden will remain the Urban Vicar; he has been given permission to retire.
2. The Historic Trust Board met a week ago. Fr. Lawrence will remain on the board until he retires. Mark Palmer is on the board but could not attend the meeting.
3. There is \$25,000 squirreled away from gifts to the Emergency Services in excess of their spending. The money was never intended for the Historic Trust and so it has been moved out of that account where it was placed temporarily. It will be moved into a money market account earmarked for the poor. One solution is to create a project on which the money may be used. It was asked, why not give the money to the Emergency Services for one of the projects it already has?
4. Fr. Lawrence has informed us that he will be retiring in the near future, probably in February. He will say a final mass as Pastor and it is hoped he will continue to celebrate the mass when he is able. He is out of bed five to six hours a day currently in the rehabilitation hospital and receiving physical therapy. There is an ongoing discussion about whether he should be moved to another facility where he might receive more physical therapy.

New Business

Colleen reported on the developments in the Pastoral Planning process. She received an email from Fr. Cascotti of St. Ignatius stating that he has been told by his provincial that he will not be allowed to be pastor of both St. Ignatius and St. Vincent's. We could work on mutual projects and explore other paths to being one pastorate with St. Ignatius. He suggested Colleen could be appointed as a Pastoral Life Director of St. Vincent's. This could be an alternate path for the two churches to form a pastorate where Colleen was in charge of all of the duties of a parish leadership outside of the sacramental ministries. Fr. Cascotti wants to work with St. Vincent's. He and another half-time priest are the priestly staff of St. Ignatius. There are other Jesuits living in their properties, but Fr. Cascotti is not their superior. Laureen Brunelli added that having a PLD would make growing in a relationship with St. Ignatius easier.

Colleen will have meeting with Monseignor Jim Hannon, vicar to the priests of the archdiocese, and Bishop Dennis Madden on Saturday.

It was brought up that we don't know if being in a pastorate with St. Leo's is off the table. So there is a good deal of uncertainty about the next steps. Mike Jacko suggested we ought to adopt an attitude

central to Jesuit spirituality of being open to all possibilities and not see them as threatening. Janice Bonner suggested that we need continuity in who is celebrating mass. But Mark Palmer said the reality of the shortage of priests means we will have to adapt to rotating priests. Colleen added that, if we were in a pastorate with St. Leo's, there would be only one priest between two churches and that masses would have to cut as the Pastoral Planning demands that priests only say three masses a weekend.

There was a discussion about whether St. Vincent's ought to undertake a discussion of "what we want" as a part of Pastoral Planning process. Mark Palmer argued that we have had that discussion and what we want hasn't really changed in the last five years. Colleen said that the good side of having one priest for 43 years is that we have had a chance to grow spiritually with great consistency; the bad side is change can be experienced as a crisis.

Mary Kate Fries said we need the strength to carry on despite not having one leader priest. There are communities that stay together without a leader priest. Fr. Lawrence's legacy is that he created a community that has been empowered and where the laity can lead. Janice agreed and suggested now is the time to show we ready for a new church model.

Colleen reported that Fr. Jim Cascotti is be our celebrant at Sunday's 9:30 mass. There was a discussion about how the recent developments would be disseminated. It was agreed that Colleen would write a letter and it would be given to parishoners at one point during the mass. After mass, Fr. Cascotti and Colleen would be available to anyone with questions.

Other Business

1. Rita McMullin introduced the idea of St Vincent's being becoming a sanctuary parish. Sanctuaries for immigrants have been established at universities and in whole cities. With the coming Trump administration coming, the need for sanctuaries may become even greater. Banners could be created to show that we are a sanctuary church.
2. Peggy Meyers reported that Fr. Chuck Caterna was on the mend.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm with a recitation of a prayer from our Advent Reflection booklet.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Graham G. Yearley, secretary and co-corporator

Committee Reports

Education and Enrichment Committee Minutes – 12/8/2016

Present: Jack Schmidt, Denny McMullin, Colleen McCahill, Anne Gibson, Peggy Shouse, Rita McMullin, Liz Hasan

Topic	Discussed	Next	Who
Anne's Report	<p>The Pageant practices have had very poor attendance...about ½ this Sunday. 12/18 FFF will be cancelled to give extra time to practice. We spoke at length regarding the young families that have left St.V and the poor attendance of children for LOW and FFF. Only First Communicants at this time are Ari G. and David S. Anne inquired about the existence of the Family Life sub-Com.</p>	<p>We ALL need to think of incentives or ways to encourage the parents to bring their children to Mass (LOW & FFF).</p> <p>Rita to call Bethany G to see the status of the committee. (The FL sub-Com has no one to chair it at this time.)</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Rita</p>
Dinner for 8 Report	Fr. L group?	<p>Colleen will contact the group to let them know that she will be there to let them in and to encourage them to continue without Fr. Dick. Rita is to send to Colleen the list of members of that group AND to ck in with all of the other groups.</p>	<p>Colleen</p> <p>Rita</p>
175 th Anniversary Posters	Thank you, Liz and Louise! Beautifully done!	They will be taken down by Ash Wednesday. Rita is to remind Colleen and put notice in the bulletin after 1/1, reminding	Rita Colleen

		folks to take time to read 1 per week. Colleen will also think up some challenges for Face Book! Liz is to send the bios to Colleen via email or CD.	Liz
Advent	Arthur Jones's book on Mary...report: Quite a few people bought the book. Only about 10 people signed up for discussion. About 4 of us will have our discussions this 12/11 & 18.	Colleen will announce the after-Mass discussions on 12/11 & 18.	Colleen
Pre-Lent Feb 15	Mary Catherine's film – Cracking the Code It was decided not to have a film series as Colleen plans to have several discussions, etc before Lent regarding our possible pastorate together.	Rita is to call Mary C to see if St. Ignatius has already shown this film. We will invite St. Ignatius to join us (in either case) and Rita is to put in both bulletins that we will have a soup and salad pot luck. Denny & Colleen volunteered to bring soup; Peggy & Liz will do salad. JACK, can you put this on Face Book?	Rita Den&Coll Peg&Liz Jack?
2017 ½ Day Retreat 3/18/17	Schedule: 8 start (breakfast) 8:45-12 Retreat 12 Mass The cost is \$1000, which would be \$20 per person donation, if we have 50 people. We MAY invite St. Ignatius to join us.	Jack is to put a Save the Date in the bulletin(s) and on Face Book Peggy is to speak with Gerry about \$.	Jack Peggy
Lent	Topic: Psalms Where: St. V When: On Wednesdays in between Lenten Services Dates to be determined after Liturgy Com chooses dates.	Peggy and Denny will choose psalms: possibly Praise, Penitential, Lament—order to be determined. We will possibly invite St. Ignatius Rita will put in bulletin(s). We will also have a soup & salad pot luck	Peggy & Denny Rita

2017 Spring Retreat 5/19/17-5/21	Rosemary's email about topics for each day was thoroughly discussed.	We do not need to have a group meeting with our director. Peggy is to report on our discussion to Rosemary.	Peggy
Cape May		It was decided to make it CLEAR to the parish that this is a totally social activity, and all are invited. She will call in Feb. to arrange a date.	Peggy
New Business		Colleen suggested that Rita get in touch with the Education Com (or whatever its title). Colleen will advise Rita at the appropriate time to do so.	Rita Colleen
Next Meeting	Between 2/2&2/9-Tues or Th at 7	Liz to call Rita & Rita to email all	Liz & Rita

Facilities Committee

Hola,

Nothing from Facilities Committee this month.

Next meeting will not be until after the first of the year.

See you Tuesday,

Denny

Social Action Committee

We had a Peace & Justice meeting last night but have not finalized the minutes so i will send them for next month's P.C. We have not had a Social Action or Jonestown Planning Council since last month.

We did have a very successful Bishop's dinner here with about 10 bishops and 80 - 100 guests for soup and salad and prayer service and speakers for a just peace.

Peg

Liturgy Committee

I have no report to submit because we haven't met since the last PC meeting.

Janice