

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Council

September 12, 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 7:37 pm by Parish Council President, Michael Jacko, with the reading of a prayer by Oscar Romero. Also in attendance: Fr. Ray Chase (Pastor), Colleen McCahill (Pastoral Associate), Joe Yingling (9:30 Rep), Peggy Meyer (Chair, Social Action Committee), Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee), Denise Hamilton (11:45 Rep), Dan Rolandelli (9:30 Rep), Rita McMullin, (Chair, Education and Enrichment), Dennis McMullin (Chair, Facilities Committee), Mary-Kate Fries-Hershfeld (9:30 Rep), Janice Bonner (Liturgy Committee), Patrick Fisher (Jesuit Volunteer), Al Reichelt, and Anne Freeburger (Corporator, Secretary).

Absent were: Eve Prietz (Vice-President, 7:15 Rep), Laureen Brunelli (Administration, Director of Evangelization), Lee Krempel (9:30 Rep, Chair, Engagement and Outreach), Audrey Rogers (Liturgy Committee) Graham Yearley (Corporator), and Anne Gibson (Director of Education for Children).

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Ray said that he, together with Colleen and Laureen, has been working on issues related to the Park. They are trying to develop a clear plan for the Park, at which time they will bring the plan to the parish and the Council along with a date for implementation.

As of this afternoon, Jim Dimmer has resigned, effective either the last week in September or the end of the first week in October, to take another opportunity with the Archdiocese. He has been asked to review the current job description for his position and to share feedback with the Parish Council. Fr. Ray, Colleen, Dan, and Mike will form a committee to interview job applicants.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE'S REPORT

Colleen announced that she has no update on the sound system.

There will be a delay in the planning for the Homeless Jesus statue. It will not be in place in time for the Feast of St. Vincent. The statue requires a base and the bid we received for the construction was excessively high. Colleen is exploring several alternatives such as seeking funding from the Archdiocese or finding a way to construct the base ourselves.

Colleen reported that several parishioners were concerned about the statement regarding reception of Communion which was in the program for Fr. Ray's installation. She explained that Archdiocesan policy requires the inclusion of that policy in any printed program for a liturgy celebrated by the Archbishop. This issue of some confusion for our parishioners was discussed. Colleen and Fr. Ray requested that any parishioner who was concerned about the policy speak to them or to their Council representatives for further information.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Palmer explained that the budget was basically the same document we reviewed last month. There were a few changes because of some new revenue and recently implemented changes in the cathedraticum (Archdiocesan taxes). We also have some donations which have not yet been spent. The question was raised whether we have a moral responsibility to use donated money in a timely manner. We agreed to discuss that question at a later meeting. Peggy moved that we approve the budget and Mary-Kate seconded. The 2018 budget was approved by consensus.

We need to discuss plans on how to use the generous special gift of \$150,000 each year for 20 years which we have received. We need to plan immediately for using this year's money and make long-range plans for the remaining years. Mark suggested that we need to plan in the long term for sustainability for the parish; however, one problem is that we don't know what we don't know. One issue is that the amount of cathedraticum (tax) we will be required to pay varies

with certain restricted gifts, not how unrestricted gifts are used. Rita suggested that we need programs for teens and babies. She also pointed out that the winding steps from the gathering space to the undercroft are dangerous for our aging population and they end in front of the very unappealing slop sink. Al suggested that we form an ad hoc committee of Finance Committee members and other parishioners with financial experience to discuss plans. Fr. Ray noted that we could develop three or four reasonable scenarios for the future. Mike commented that there are too many variables to make an accurate forecast of the future. Mark stated that we need to explain any decisions to the parish and that we might be able to secure some help with planning from the Archdiocese. Al asked how we could use this money for evangelization. Mike said that improving the sound system might be one potential use for this year's money. An ad hoc committee comprised of Mark, Al, Fr. Ray, Colleen, and Denny was formed to plan for how to spend the annual gift for this year and to assess what our demographics might look like and how our needs might differ in the future so as to inform the decision of how we spend our annual gift. Mark will see if any other Finance Committee members are interested in serving on the group.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Our regularly scheduled meeting for Tuesday, November 14, is the same date as the Bishop's Peace Dinner. It was suggested that we meet the following week instead. Because that date is two days before Thanksgiving we agreed to meet on Tuesday, November 7.

Joe has posted his Annual Report for 2016-2017 to the website.

Anne asked if we were going to re-schedule the annual collection for our sister parish in Vilnius, Lithuania since the usual collection on the Sunday before Labor Day was pre-empted by the Archdiocesan collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. (In reviewing the minutes Lauren clarified that this annual collection was taken up on Ash Wednesday, not Labor Day weekend.)

Janice reported that we need to make a two decisions on scheduling decorating the church for Christmas: when to do it and by whom it will be done. Since the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve it was agreed that the decorating would be done after the Liturgy on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17. Dan stated that we need more volunteers to do the actual labor of decorating. Colleen said that we needed to order the live trees and poinsettias very soon if we were going to use them. It was suggested that we would order two live trees and purchase artificial trees for the remainder of the display.

Janice also announced that there will be no Midnight Mass this year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Freeburger  
Secretary

Education and Enrichment – The report is attached below.

Facilities Committee - No report.

Friends of St. Vincent Park – The report is attached below.

Green Team Meeting – The report is attached below.

Jonestown Planning Council – The report is attached below.

Liturgy – The report is attached below.

Outreach and Engagement – No report.

Peace and Justice – The report is attached below.

Interim Meeting of the Education and Enrichment Committee  
(primarily to discuss the fall program)  
9/3/2017

The meeting began after the 930 Mass in the rectory dining room. The following members were present: John Moore, Jack Schmidt, Rita McMullin, Lorna Patterson, Anne Gibson, and Liz Hasan.

The main discussion centered around the Fall series, a set of 3 podcasts presented by Krista Tippet, on the broad topic of Evangelization. It had been decided previously that these discussions would be held on October 8, 22, and November 12, Sundays that intentionally coincided with Faith, Fun, and Fellowship times. Anne stated that she would be absent on the 22nd, but would have someone take her place. Anne is to advise the parents of the timing of the podcasts, to make sure they are aware and to let them know that the podcast (with discussion) will last until 12:15, so Anne will have a short film for the children

John passed around handouts about a podcast on the role of the Church in Politics. In it, Krista Tippet interviewed 3 religious leaders about that role. John edited the podcast, printed it out, and also recorded it on a CD. He generously volunteered to do the same for the 2 other interviews that we will choose. The format for the first Sunday will be to meet after Mass, start folks into small groups as they walk into the room to discuss the question: What is the proper role of the church in politics?, begin the actual podcast at 11:10, listen to and read along with the podcast until 11:50, and then in a large group, talk about what you heard that may have changed your view of the topic. Just before noon, another topic would be chosen by the group for our 10/22 podcast and meeting. Suggested topics include Evolution of American Evangelism, Evangelics Out of the Box, and America's Changing Religious Landscape. Rita requested having some topics about immigrants. John replied that the podcasts dealt with various religions, with only 3 of them being about evangelization. The meeting will end at 12:15.

The podcast is entitled The Role of the Church in Politics; Rita wondered if the title referred to preachers, or to congregations as a whole. She mentioned that we are not supposed to talk about individual politicians. John stated that the podcast presents 2 points of view: Yes, definitely be involved... and No, just tend to the Kingdom. Rita suggested that the title be Christianity and Politics.

As for spreading the word about the podcasts, John suggested an intro in the bulletin, then a mention of the podcasts, and a bit about Krista Tippet herself, an excellent interviewer who asks very probing questions about faith. Liz suggested that instead of a "locked-in" type of sign-up, to have people sign if they had an interesting in attending, in order to get an idea of numbers. There is some concern that the topic is somewhat off-putting. Rita is to compose the bulletin message but send it to John for his approval and any additions/corrections.

Both the 3rd floor choir room and the 2nd floor conference room were suggested as possible locations. Rita will check if the rooms are available on those days. Joe walked through the dining room and gave us an okay about the choir room. After the meeting, John and Jack and Liz will check out each room. (It was subsequently decided that the conference room would be good. It could hold about 20 people, 12 around the table).

We also discussed our Lenten program. Fr. Ray suggested 3 evenings devoted to the topic of loss, and Peggy Shouse had expressed the same thought. We agreed that this would be a good idea. So there will be no lay preachers in Lent. Rita suggested that we go back to a simple meal, like soup and bread, before hand. Food would be served at 6:30 and the program itself would run from 7:30 until 9:00. Lorna expressed concern that there would not be enough time for discussion of the topic, and hoped that it would be built into the talk.

We asked Jack about a topic for the half-day winter retreat, and he said that he would discuss this with Colleen to begin getting ideas.

We dismissed around noon.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Hassan

Minutes, Friends of St. Vincent's Park, August 27, 2017, Lower Classroom, 11:00 AM

Present: Fr. Ray Chase, Colleen McCahill, Joe Yingling, Barbara Bowles

Sally O'Hara, Michael Susko, Valerie Yingling, David Smock, Erika Lynch, Peggy Mc Millan, Peggy Meyer, Merrill Smock, Sue Woodman, Patrick Fisher, Mike Kelly

[These are not strictly minutes, but a very rough draft to try to capture many of the ideas of a wide-ranging conversation in which no final decisions were asked or made.]

Father Chase opened the meeting by indicating his dedication to the integral relationship between the Park and the ministry of the Church, reiterating the mission of the park earlier adopted by the Friends of St. Vincent's Park [FSTVP] that the Park should be place offering "sanctuary and dignity to all our neighbors." [actually it reads simply "to all." ]

Use of the Park as overnight place to sleep appears to be working and now, in the height of summer, attracts between 15 to 20 sleepers who readily comply with the rule of leaving and clearing one's belongings from 7AM to 9AM each day. During daytime the park attracts large numbers of poor and homeless and functionally homeless people. Our reaching out to help necessarily treads a fine line between

- humane, Christian caring for neighbors and
- presenting handouts that may act as a disincentive to users of the park accessing more transformative help they may need as a result of either their resistance or lack of knowledge about how to address problems fundamental to their homelessness.

The Park offers many challenges to the ministry of the Parish, including the current plague of drug abuse and addiction affecting the city of Baltimore. One more immediate manageable (yet still unsolved) problem is at the parish level: the Park is a regional magnet for well-meaning "donors" who distribute or dump food and clothing in or around the Park on such a scale that the overabundance of food and clothing is wasteful, chaotic, largely unpredictable in scale or timing, and attractive to people living well outside the neighborhood. It imposes a significant burden on the parish on weekends and the Downtown Partnership (during the week) to gather up accumulated trash that the City Department of Public Works regularly hauls away at 9 AM daily from curbsides around the Park.

The group conversation revolved around methods and guidelines for reaching out to donors to enlist their help in solving the chaotic overabundance problem. Donors need to be educated about expectations how best to operate in the Park and fulfil their charitable inclination to give up their time and energy to "give back" to the poor.

Discussion tended to differentiate food and clothing donors. A significantly higher percentage of clothing donors dump rather than distribute their donations. The parish has maintained a small clothing program for many years, and has parish sources for its wares. It is less capable than large entities (e.g. Helping up Mission) of handling the deluge of clothing that is dumped in the park starting around Thanksgiving. Currently clothing in the Park tends to be picked over and then left open to the elements. Most of it is disposed of by those cleaning the Park and hauled to the dump by the City DPW. A positive approach should involve working with Helping Up Mission or other groups to manage (clean and distribute) excess clothing and make sure that clothing for women and children is channeled to appropriate service agencies. We should move toward a position of making it clear to donors to the Park that we do not accept or welcome clothes.

Food donors ought to be allocated a stated time on a monthly calendar in which they would be guaranteed access to the Park without the confusion and wastefulness of other donors distributing at the same time.

Large parties pose a particular dilemma for management of the park. The poor and homeless need not labor under a regime that forbids expression of joy connected with good food and a celebratory event. These can be consistent with the mission of offering our neighbors a place of sanctuary and dignity. But when large parties become detached from special events like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or Thanksgiving or the feast day of St. Vincent and become the norm, we know from experience that they can spin out of control, detached from any semblance of respecting the poor and homeless and come to express more the importance and lavishness of the party givers and their friends. Party givers can then be seen as taking advantage of the fact that St. Vincent's is a private park open to the public that, unlike public parks, has not required permits to stage large events offering food. Party givers are largely oblivious of the significant clean up burden on people from the parish, the Downtown Partnership and the city Department of Public Works to dispose of huge amounts of trash.

A number of approaches to addressing problems and strengthening the mission of the parish and park were raised, including

- reducing the number of large party events and connecting them closer to seasonal celebrations
- strengthening relationships with donors: identify regular and reliable donors and enlist their help to organize feeding better and hold them accountable for their commitments (e.g. evening feeding during the week, scheduling times and maintaining a calendar for feeding during weekends, establishing good practices, encouraging (when appropriate) partnerships with other donors,
- connecting donors with the Friday evening dinners in the St. Vincent undercroft,
- encourage donors to focus on a particular evening or other time during the week
- connecting homelessness service agencies with Friday night dinners and with weekend donors
- encourage donors to go beyond feeding to spend time in the park: engage with and get to know people in the park for conversation and relationship building; train people how to do this; connect them with people experienced in dealing with homeless individuals
- make use of the existing Google-based registration and scheduling system created for the FSTVP by a friend at Helping Up Mission

If there was an overarching theme to the discussion it was the importance of focusing on personal contact with donors, building cooperative relationships with them to enable FSTVP to expand its scope, integrate park activity more with the Friday night dinners, and gradually establish a more controlled and relationship-rich environment in the Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kelly

## GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES - 8/10/17

Present: Mary Catherine Bunting, Sylvia Eastman, Louise Gregg, Rita McMullin, Peggy Meyer, and Kathy Younkin. For the beginning of the meeting: Ray Heil, Marcia Metzler and Denny McMullin

### St. Vincent's Chesapeake Bay Trust Watershed Assistance Grant Update

Ray told us of the meetings with the design team and the plans for several phases of the project. In 2015 Blue Water Baltimore did a storm water audit and our actions address some of their report.

He showed us the design plan including where the Homeless Jesus sculpture will be and possibilities for the future of the campus. The first grant of \$45,000 was for the design and engineering of the first phase. He will be applying for a \$75,000 grant for construction of phase 1 and Outreach. \$50,000 - \$60,000 for construction and the rest for Outreach. The construction includes taking up the park's center pavement, grating the park and putting in pathways with bonded mulch. Other mulch will improve the areas inside the pathways with some green outside the pathways and a rain garden. Phase 2 will include cisterns around the buildings including one in the park next to the church with planters. Cisterns will collect the water and slowly drain it. Eventually the parking lots will have pervious materials down the middle of each that will filter the water that drains. A huge thanks to Ray for getting the first grant and continuing on such a worthwhile project!

Our committee is responsible for the Outreach piece. We need to demonstrate to our parishioners and Jonestown community what we will do to treat stormwater and what they can do. We need to direct our education to adults. The National Aquarium is interested in partnering with us for this effort. Andrea Van Wyk was here today and we talked to her about plans. Ray will send Peggy her contact information. Ray will also send the committee the part of the grant dealing with Outreach to help guide our narrative. All of us here will read it and send a few ideas (Reply all to our sub committee) to include in our narrative. Louise will draft the narrative for submission to Laureen. We can discuss ideas on our conference call next week 8/16 at 2:30 pm that Mary Catherine will set up. We will plan on a budget of \$15,000. Ray will include signage as part of construction and we can think about interpretive signs as part of Outreach. Perhaps that picture of Jones falls water right up to the church on a sign indicating the Jones falls is right under the road. Peggy will talk to Andrea about their ideas and staff hours they plan to devote, included in our \$15,000. They may do a lot of the work but we need to come up with the plan of our Outreach. For example, we can have education about what the rain garden is and how it works and why important. Currently our property is 2/3 impervious. We can talk about native trees and plants etc. Mary Catherine will get materials from groups like Interfaith Partnership so we don't reinvent what someone else already has.

### Climate Liturgy - Care of **God's** Gift: Creation

There is a discrepancy between the USCCB readings that were sent to us for 9/17 and what our Cycle A calendar has. Mary Catherine was scheduled to read the 2nd reading of Romans 15:1-13. Peggy will check with Father to see if we have to use the readings of the day and let him know about the difference. Peggy will check with Janice to get the schedule for readings and readers. The first reading agreed and the gospel is the same though we read more of it. Louise will do the Call to Worship when we find out the correct readings and Lord Have Mercy's. Mary Catherine and Rita will write the Prayers of the Faithful and Rita will read them. Peggy will work with Joe on the music. Sylvia will check with Steve McDaniel on if we may use 5 minutes worth of the slide presentation he did one Holy Saturday vigil, draft the narrative to go with it and read it that day. Kathy and Sylvia will check the Pope's encyclical for scripture references we might be able to use, if not for the readings of the day, for the meditation narrative. Mary Catherine, Kathy and Peggy will decorate the church on 9/14 at 5:00 pm. Mary Catherine will bring her time line of creation, blue material and whatever Terri might have, Rita will get the pots with plants to church before that time that the children are making, Peggy will get some of the props from Anne G, check with Colleen about working the projector that day for Steve if needed, and bring Ask the Beasts to Louise. We will have a table downstairs for selling the pots and for education. Rita will check with Anne G when she gets the pots to see if she can help sell them. We thought the funds should go for something environmental. Rita will check with Donna Dannals about using them for her program at St. J&J. Mary Catherine and Caroline will cover composting (Peggy will check with Caroline), Louise and Rita recycling and mats made from bags, Peggy will check with Ray to see if he will talk about the plans discussed

above, Mary Catherine will provide the brochures she gets from organizations, and Peggy will ask Laureen to write something for the bulletin telling about the mass and the education table. Unfortunately, Kathy and Peggy will be gone that Sunday and unavailable to help so other committee members not at the meeting are asked to help if needed. The subcommittee at this meeting can discuss anything needed on the conference call, report on assignments to all by 8/17, and we will meet at 6:30 on 9/11 to finalize plans for the mass. If Laureen wants the Green Team meeting that night, we can tell them 7:00. (Talked to Laureen and she **can't** do the Green Team meeting that night so we will just have our sub committee mtg)

#### Service Activity

Unfortunately the orchards **don't** know when fruit will be ripe and so it is hard to pick a date for that. Caroline will be gone a lot of weekends but we picked 10/14 as a possible at Real Food Farm, St. Lo Drive, where we would do mulching etc. because the city does not let us pick vegetables unless trained. Mary Catherine will check with a farm in Monkton that is also Civic Works and ask them about 10/7 Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 am for picking vegetables. We also picked 10/8 but would have to do afternoon because of mass.

Thank you to this group for your great work tonight!

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy A. Meyer

# Jonestown Planning Council

## *General Membership Meeting*

### *Meeting Minutes*

September 5, 2017

In Attendance: Dominic DiCocco, Mark Palmer, Lindsay Thompson (Jonestown residents); Father Ray Chase, Joe Cronyn, Chuck Frascati, Jack Schmidt, Mary Laukaitis, Peggy Meyer, Patrick Fisher (St. V's); Jackie Knight (Douglass Homes); Dwight Warren, Amy Schmaljohn, Eric Thompson (McKim Center); Chuck Buettner, Bernard Smith (Baltimore Rescue Mission); Bob Gehman (Helping Up Mission); Cereta Spencer (MCVET); Man Fai Lau (Tong Le Montessori); Malik Jordan, Sherman Ragland (Property Owners); Jennifer Hamilton (National Aquarium); Marvin Pinkert (Jewish Museum); Rev. Charles Baugh (Waters AME); Catherine Benton-Jones, Nehemiah Hall, Jamal Mubdi-Bey (Change4Real); Marshella Wallace, Walter Gallas (Planning Dept.); Peggy Webster, Kevin Gallaher, Brian Greenan (HABC); Capt. Jarron Jackson (Baltimore Police Department); Del. Luke Clippinger (46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District); JHU Students.

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**Jonestown Crime Report** Cronyn distributed copies of the Jonestown crime reports for July and August (attached). Members were encouraged to participate in COP Walks and to report any incidents. Captain Jackson of the Southeast District spoke eloquently about crime trends and addressed specific concerns of a number of members. He also reported that the Southeast District would be receiving 15 new officers this month.

**921-923 E. Baltimore Street** Sherman Ragland reported on small changes to be made to Jonestown Mews. Unit count (21) and façade remain constant, April 2018 start.

**Perkins Homes** Peggy Webster brought all up-to-date on status of the Perkins Homes redevelopment plan—to be submitted in November for HUD Choice Neighborhood \$30 million grant. The Beatty/Henson group was chosen as developer particularly because of offsite development possibilities at Oldtown/Somerset Extension. Update meetings begin on 9/19 at Perkins community center. She also reported that it's likely that 2019-2020 is the likeliest timeframe for any positive development plans for the Jonestown orphan parcels.

**Jewish Museum** Marvin Pinkert reported on plans to possibly reinvent the Lenny's Deli building as a maker space and coffee house. Volunteer opportunities at museum are open—9/14 session (Noon-2 pm). The "Stoop Storytelling Series" will be live at the Jewish Museum on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm—refreshments served, \$20 ticket for non-members. No progress on relocating Holocaust Memorial from Jonestown. Page 2



**ounge” Zoning** Marshella Wallace reported that a “lounge” will be allowed as a conditional use (needing special approval) under the new zoning code at one location in Jonestown—the Hendler Building. A lounge is a business establishment that is open to the general public, provides seating or a designated area for social gathering, and does not serve or permit the on-site consumption of alcohol. The following uses are not included: adult use, banquet hall, carry-out food shop, entertainment (live/indoor), lodge/social club, restaurant or tavern. Special vigilance was pledged when Hendler is leasing its commercial space.

**Delegate Clippinger** Del. Clippinger reported on three programs he has pushed: 1) Community Solar program for low and moderate income households, 2) adult high schools to help adults complete their high school diploma requirements, and 3) HB1 paid sick leave legislation.

**Helping Up Mission** Bob Gehman presented a preliminary concept of the new structure to be built at 1216 E. Baltimore Street—housing women’s and children’s programs (250± person capacity). Being in the Jonestown Historic District, the existing building has to pass through a CHAP process declaring it to not have historic character before it can be demolished. Walter Gallas of CHAP reported that such a finding has been made (any historic character having been destroyed in a 1954 redevelopment of the site). Membership authorized Cronyn to send a letter of support for HUM action.

**National Aquarium** Jennifer Hamilton reported that construction was 60% complete, with 100% completion scheduled for January 2018 and a Summer 2018 opening. She encouraged membership to take advantage of the many free or reduced-price admission programs described on the Aquarium website ([aqua.org/youraquarium](http://aqua.org/youraquarium)).

**Other Developments** Ronald McDonald House construction is moving along on schedule. Hendler Creamery is still in “value engineering” to finalize costs.

**COP Walk** The next Jonestown COP Walk is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Walk starts at 7:00 pm in front of the Albemarle Square leasing office at 120 S. Central Avenue. Enjoy the company of your neighbors (and the police department) on a neighborhood stroll!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

**NEXT JPC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.**

Any comments/questions on the JPC minutes:

Contact Joe Cronyn at (410) 299-5679 or [joechronyn@comcast.net](mailto:joechronyn@comcast.net)

# **JONESTOWN CRIME REPORT**

## **July & August 2017**

### **July 1**

800 East Lombard Street @ 1100-1400hrs.

2012 Hyundai Sonata

Suspect: Unknown

Suspect opened the vehicle door and removed one black luggage bag, one black backpack, one laptop, various chargers and various clothes. Some items were inside the vehicle trunk during the incident.

1100 East Fayette Street @ 1400-1700hrs.

2017 Merc GLC 43

Suspect: Unknown

Suspect gained entry to the vehicle by unknown means and removed one gold chain.

### **July 4**

200 Lloyd St 1649-2103Hrs.

2012 Honda Pilot dark grey DE tags PC52702

Stolen by unknown means

### **July 15**

900 E. Baltimore St. @0240Hrs.

Victim: M.B24

Suspect 1: M.B.

Suspect 2: M.B

The victim was in a fight with the suspects and a friend was holding his phone in his hand. Once the fight was over the suspects snatched the phone from his hand and ran off. No injury or threat.

### **July 22**

100 Ablemarle St @0005Hrs. Attempt Carjacking

Victim: F.B.37

Suspect: M.B. dark complexion and wearing a dark hoody

The victim was walking towards her car and heard someone walking up behind her. She got into her car and locked the doors. A black male approached her car and pointed a gun at her telling her to get out of the car. The victim jumped into the passenger side of the car and the suspect stated "give me your purse, do you want to die over your purse". When the suspect walked to the rear of the car the victim fled in her car. A suspect matching the description was seen in the area during the canvass but was able to evade officers. No injury. Nothing was taken.

### **August 9**

800 Granby St. 1130-1238 Hrs.

Victim: M/W/58

Suspect: Unidentified M/B/30-40 yrs

Property taken: Clothing, macbook, Value \$ unk amt.

The victims passengers side window was broken out of his 2008 Chevy and his property was taken. Incident was captured on the flag museum security video.

### **August 10**

Unit Asquith St. 08/10 @ 1930 Hrs- 08/11 @ 0530 Hrs.

Victim: Ronald McDonald House Commercial

Suspect: Unidentified.

Property Taken: Tools Value \$ 410.00

The victim stated that unknown person gained entry into the location by unknown means and took property. It is also unknown how they exited the location. The property taken was from two Company's doing work there.

**August 12**

900 block of E. Fayette St 8/10 1600 – 8/11 0500Hrs. X2

Commercial

REL Schneider

Suspect: M.B. 6'0 170lbs wearing a hard hat with a clear face mask. Dragging a suitcase

An unknown suspect gained entry to the Aquarium Care center which is under construction and broke into two very large tool box /shed container type storage units on the premises. The suspect was seen in the area dragging a black suit case. See the scanned report for the listings of the large amount of stolen tools.

**August 17**

1100 E Fayette St. 08/16 @ 1300 Hrs- 08/17 @ 1449 Hrs

Victim: Living Class Room Commercial

Suspect: Unidentified M/B/21-22 Yrs.

Property Taken: 15- Mac Book Pro's Value \$ 30,000.00

The victim stated that upon returning to the location the property was found missing. The suspect gained entry through the unlocked front door. Footage of suspect is seen of video.

**August 19**

100 S. Albemarle St @1437Hrs. Recovered

2015 Ford F350 truck

Suspects: Group of juveniles.

The owner was working on the truck in a garage with the suspects took the truck after the owner had left the keys in the ignition. A citation was issued.

The truck was later recovered by the owner after the suspects crashed it.

**August 21**

1000 block of E Fayette St. 08/20 @ 0500 Hrs.

Victim: Baltimore City Health Dept. Commercial

Suspect: Unidentified M/B/40-50 Yrs.

Property Taken: Hand Cart 18-Bug Repellent's Value \$ 1,200.00

The victim stated that suspect seen on security footage gained entry into the location by unknown entrance and took property then exited the loading dock bay emergency door.

**August 23**

144 Lloyd St. 08/22 @ 2130 Hrs- 08/23 @ 0545 Hrs.

Victim: F/B/31

Suspect: Unidentified.

Property Taken: Wallet Value \$ 6.00

2013 Chevy the victim stated someone entered his unlocked vehicle and took his property.

**August 24**

1000 E Lombard St. @ 1437 Hrs.

Victim: F/W/22

Suspect: Unidentified M/B

Property Taken: Cell Phone \$ unk amt.

The victim stated that the suspect grabbed her cell phone from of the seat of the bus and fled.

**August 25**

125 Lloyd Street @ 0100-0130hrs.

2008 Volk Jetta

suspect used an unknown tool to remove the vehicle rear tag MD# 4BE9512.

### **August 26**

1129 East Baltimore Street @ 1820hrs. Commercial Robbery

Victim #1: MM Barber Shop

Victim #2: B/M/31

Victim #3: O/M/56

Suspect #1: Unknown B/M Age: 20's, hgt: 6-00, wgt: 180-200, wearing dark pants, black hoodie & purple mask

Suspect #2: B/M/20's, hgt: 5-09, wgt: 190, wearing a dark mask and all dark clothing w/ gray revolver

Property Taken: two gold chains, one white gold wedding ring w/ diamond, eye glasses, US currency, one silver chain w/dog tags, set of car & house keys and two cell phones total value: \$5570

Further investigation the above listed suspects entered the location. Suspect #1 walked to the back of the store and suspect #2 starting pointing a revolver at everyone and stated, "Don't say shit kick all your shit out." All the victims pulled out their property and placed it on the coffee table. Afterwards, suspect #2 told the victims to go inside the bathroom and the suspects fled the location in an unknown direction of travel. No injuries reported. Citywide Robbery was notified.

### **August 26**

900 block of Watson Street 8/25 @ 1745hrs. Domestic Related

Victim: B/F/33

Suspect: B/M/26

Victim reported the suspect (ex-boyfriend) kicked in her front door causing damage to the wooden door frame/lock. Suspect fled the location in an unknown direction of travel and no property was missing in reference.

### **August 27**

700 E. Fayette St 8/26 2220Hrs.

Victim: M.W.60

Suspect: M.B.20's

The victim claims that he was on the block talking about his medication for his back when the suspect came up and asked to see what type of pills he had. He handed the suspect his Oxycodone pills and the suspect ran off with it.

### **August 29**

141 S. Central Ave @1410Hrs.

Victim: F.B.42 Property taken: Gucci hand bag with Michal Kohrs wallet with \$400, gold earrings

Suspect: M.W.30's

The unknown suspect took the victims hand bag from the rear office area.

### **August 30**

300 Fallsway 0230 – 0330Hrs.

Honda accord

Suspect: M.B.

The suspect was caught on security footage pulling up behind the victim's vehicle and forcing the lock to the rear of the vehicle. The suspect took a Leak Noise Correlator worth \$25,000 and an Acoustic Leak Noise device worth \$5,000

### **August 31**

1200 block of E. Baltimore St @0125Hrs. Commercial

Helping up Mission

Suspect: M.B.

The reporting person observed a black male break the glass door with a stone and then enter the building and take a bike.

St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Liturgy Committee Report to Parish Council  
September 12, 2017

The committee held its retreat on August 26, 2017.

1. Current Liturgical Practices: Liturgy Planners and Lectors:

We discussed these and coordinated functions between the presider and the liturgy planner. We also discussed the continuing difficulties parishioners are having with hearing the lectors from the ambo which we have not been able to remedy despite multiple past trainings and personal evaluations. While there is some problem with the amplifying equipment (which is being evaluated), poor performance by some lectors cannot be denied. Our belief that the Word should be proclaimed ties us to effective lectors. (Our expanded lectionary makes the use of pew missalettes impractical anyway.) We have always had a very inclusive policy about lectors, accepting anyone. Consequently, we not only have a wide range of ability/experience but we have such a large number of lectors that any one lector may only read once or twice per year. This means that the benefit of practice and feedback is lost, and poor lectors remain so. Additionally, the ritual surrounding the retrieving the Altar Bible and its timing has become casual and erratic for some lectors. *Proposal:* We will move to smaller groups of lectors who will agree to undergo training, be assigned for multiple Sundays in a defined period of time, and be thoroughly evaluated. Every current lector will be given the opportunity to participate in one of these groups. Lectors whose group receives a subsequent assignment period will be encouraged to lector at other weekend Masses while they wait for their group's intensive session.

2. Liturgy Committee's Role in Implementing the Mission Readiness Statement

In the mission readiness statement, the leadership team was "...now considering a liturgical year of missionary discipleship, allowing the theme of evangelization to permeate the consciousness and life of the parish."

The efforts considered and relevant to the Liturgy Committee are:

- **engaging new parishioners more fully in liturgy**

- (a) The committee is proposing a 'welcoming ritual' during the presentation of the gifts to present newly registered parishioners to the parish. This could be monthly/quarterly and ideally would be followed by a small social in the dining room to introduce them to key people and provide them with written materials on who we are as a community and what we do. Liturgy Committee is responsible for the ceremony; those responsible for the other aspects TBD by the Parish Council.

- (b) Visitors could be encouraged by the cantor to stand before Mass to be recognized.

- (c) New parishioners who volunteer for liturgical ministries on the registration form are already identified to the committee by the office.

- **engaging children and youth more fully in liturgy**

- Tabled until more is known about the Children's Program.

- **establish a contemplative prayer group**

- Ray Heil will be coordinating such a group on the first and third Sundays prior to the 9:30 Mass beginning in October. This has already been announced.

- **train a cohort of young parishioners in liturgical ministries as lectors, liturgy planners, and Eucharistic ministers.**

- Janice Bonner has been addressing this; younger people have been added to each of these ministries.

3. Liturgy's Plans for Evangelization and the Work of Pastorate Planning

The committee discussed these two issues facing St V in light of Liturgy's role. Fr. Ray offered that he sees evangelization as a two-fold process rooted in Jesus: first a life-changing personal encounter between the individual and God; and then a commitment to follow Jesus in drawing others to God. God's grace notwithstanding, providing the space, time, and

framework that is conducive for the life-changing encounter to occur falls primarily to the Liturgy Committee. And it is only at the weekend Mass where this encounter can occur for over two-thirds of our parish community.

People have been drawn to St V over the years because they were encouraged, challenged, and supported in coming to an adult and intelligent understanding of the faith they received as children. The committee discussed the need to reclaim this community charism within the weekend Masses, seeing it as an effective means of inviting people to respond to the grace of a personal encounter with Jesus. The Committee decided to have Fr Ray sprinkle the community and lead the community in reciting baptismal vows on the first Sunday of the month; the community to recite the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed on the second Sunday; the Apostles Creed on the Third; and to have a homily on the fourth Sunday devoted to breaking open the creedal statements in light of newer theological insights.

The Parish Council and other committees are responsible for the second part of the evangelization process.

The Committee decided a letter to the community from the committee describing the 'what' and 'why' of these changes would be good and such a letter is being drafted. We will discuss our goals for the upcoming year at the September Liturgy Committee Meeting on September 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Rogers

## **St. Vincent de Paul Church**

### **Peace and Justice Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 14, 2017**

**Present:** Barbara Bowles, Mary Catherine Bunting, Maureen Daly, Chuck Frascati, Mary Laukaitis, Peggy Meyer, Dennis Moore, Sally O'Hara, Jack Schmidt

**Next Meeting: October 9, 2017** Mary Catherine Bunting will facilitate.

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **Unresolved SAC and P&J 2017 Budget Items:**

- ☐ **BRIDGE Maryland/BUILD** – Maureen Daly reported on positive news about BRIDGE: It has received a \$50,000 grant from CCHD for the purpose of hiring a much needed Executive Director; St. Bernardine's Parish, led by Pastor Rich Bozzelli, has joined the organization; Rev. Bryan Murray, a BRIDGE co-chair, already has a strong working relationship with Fr. Ray Chase. We are requesting that Fr. Chase and Colleen McCahill review both BRIDGE and BUILD and make the determination as to which, if either, our parish should join. Meanwhile, we have included \$500 in the budget for membership. See Maureen's report attached.
- ☐ **San Juan de Limay** – Maureen reported on her recent visit there and gave us extensive details on their plans for five projects to address the ecology crisis. We are recommending that our donation be designated for one of those projects. Maureen will share with Peggy the specific information on how to send the donation. See Maureen's report attached.
- ☐ **S. Africa Scholarship Fund** – We will continue \$1500 per year, but are awaiting the written request. When that is received, Peggy Meyer will send a memo to Fr. Chase to request the funds.

#### **OTHER**

**Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk** – The next prayer walk will be on August 30th at St. Ambrose Church. Peggy Meyer and Jack Schmidt attended the July walk.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in the Middle East** – Peggy Meyer attended the prayer service at St. Ignatius on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next monthly service will be held at St. Vincent's on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. Please see Colleen McCahill to offer your assistance.

**Social Justice Corner** – Please send suggestions for social justice activities that might interest parishioners to Mary Laukaitis.

**Human Trafficking** – Barbara Bowles will visit The Samaritan Woman group to learn more about how they support and intervene for women suffering from human trafficking

#### **The Green Team**

- ☐ **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake Vision Meeting** at Govans Presbyterian Church was attended by Green Team members Kathy Younkin, Rita and Denny McMullin, Sylvia Eastman, Bethany Gregg and Peggy Meyer. They selected actions to recommend to the Green Team.



- **Climate in the Pulpit 2017** – St. Vincent’s Green Team is preparing a climate liturgy for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Appropriate decorations are needed for the church. If you have any nice “earthy” items, please give them to Mary Catherine or Peggy before 9/13.

**CRS Helping Hands at Camden Yards** - CRS is teaming with the Orioles for a meal-packaging program to help feed the hungry in West Africa. St. V volunteers will pack meals as a team on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM at Camden Yards.

**Pax Christi** – The annual Bishops’ Dinner will be held in our undercroft on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**“Mental Health Revolving Door”** – State legislator, Robin Lewis, is working on a bill (The Assisted Outpatient Treatment Services) that will require the State to pay for additional psychiatric outpatient treatment services. Dennis Moore will investigate this further.

**Non-Violence Training** – In light of the recent violence in Charlottesville, the group discussed the importance of non-violence training but didn’t make specific plans.

#### **SAC Notes:**

**Our Homes, Our Voices** – Peggy Meyer and Mary Laukaitis attended the rally on July 29<sup>th</sup> to support affordable housing in Baltimore. This was organized by the Low Income Housing Coalition which is dedicated to achieving socially just public policies to assure that all people will have affordable and decent homes. We then asked the parish to sign a petition rejecting cuts to the federal housing budget. 90 parishioners signed and the petition was sent to Congressman Andy Harris to encourage his cooperation.

#### **Jonestown Planning Council –**

- Peggy Meyer and Sue Woodman attended the recent Jonestown neighborhood walk.
- Joe Cronyn continues to work with Fr. Chase on the feasibility of renovating the undercroft toilets so they can be made available on a daily basis to the homeless.

**Sanctuary Coalition of Central Maryland** – Peggy Meyer has invited Louise Gregg to attend our meeting and share information about this group.

**Storm Water Management** – Peggy Meyer explained the phases of this project as discussed at the meeting on 7/24 that Ray Heil had with the design team, technical advisors (CityScape) and V’s staff. Following the meeting, Peggy and

Laureen Brunelli met with Andrea Van Wyk from the Aquarium to discuss our partnership with them for the Outreach portion of the project.

**Call to Action** – Registration has begun for the East Coast Regional Conference to be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. For details, go to <http://cta-usa.org/eastern-regional-conference/> or Contact Ryan Sattler, CTA MD Chapter Chair at 443 275-1180.

**St. Vincent DePaul Feast Day Mass** will be on September 24<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. The liturgy has been revised to focus on celebrating the installation of the Homeless Jesus sculpture which will have been placed on grounds by that day.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Laukaitis

## **St. Vincent de Paul Church Social Action Committee**

Meeting minutes for September 6, 2017. Attending: Peggy Meyer, Peggy Cronyn, Joe Cronyn, Jack Schmidt, Ray Heil, Marcia Metzler, Mary Laukaitis, Fr. Chase

### **Next SAC regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 8 , 2017.**

The meeting started at 7:03 with a prayer by Fr. Chase

**Mass for Feast of St. Vincent, Sept. 24:** Joe provided a draft of his Call to Worship which the committee reviewed and approved.

Readings for the day are Is. 58:6-11; James 2:1-9; and Luke 14:12-24.

Volunteer readers: Maria Okefore (sp?) and Pat Frascati

Prayers of the Faithful: Ray.

The trifold brochures for SAC will be redone; (TRE brochure will be redone later). The SAC brochures will be distributed after the mass and we will retrieve the stain glass portrait of St. Vincent to display during the mass. Coffee and pastries will be served in the park after mass.

**Occasional Conversations:** Last gathering of series is Sept. 13, 7PM.

**Jonestown Planning Council:** Joe thanked the committee for supporting the organization by attending the meetings. JPC is dealing with crime issues; HUM building to be built in next two years. Difficulty: getting market rate units into the neighborhood due to market forces. Non-profits are all doing well. Cultural institutions, like Jewish museum are doing well and very important for the community. Mary expressed concern about Montessori school's sustainability; school has 10,000 s.f. of space on third and fourth floors that could be leased for something. Joe is talking with Councilman Stokes and the city to encourage possibility of mobile bathrooms. Joe will also talk with church staff about possibility of using existing outside bathrooms. Funding is a major issue in implementing this.

### **Friday Dinner**

July 238, 257, 266, 282 people served

August: 216, 226, 232, 271 people served

### **Emergency Services:**

Men: August \$500 spent, closed July and August

Food: July \$200 spent; August \$780 spent;

Flyers advertising these services will be distributed to City Springs ES and Albermarle Square.

**The Resource Exchange:** Funding and bank balance are strong. As Dennis Flynn is moving to Chicago, we are left with one pickup truck for daytime pickup. We may consider renting a truck for a day to do pickups that have been scheduled for several in one day.

We need more volunteers for daytime furniture pickups on a weekly basis. Fr. Chase suggested that we have the Catholic Review do an article on TRE and Healthcare for the Homeless. Next month is our sixth anniversary, and we have served over 550 families/individuals.

**Green Team:** will sponsor a "Climate Mass" on Sunday, Sept. 17. There is a volunteer event on Oct. 7 at Civic Works, in Clifton Park with activities for children.

Meal Challenge at Camden Yards packed 30,000 meals for people in Burkina Faso. We received 16 tickets to Orioles games, which were distributed to volunteers.

**Peace & Justice Committee-** minutes of last meeting are attached to these minutes. Next meeting is Oct. 9, 7PM.

**Other business:** Ray is completing a grant application, due 9/11, to Chesapeake Bay Trust for \$75,000 to do stormwater improvements in the park. We are partnering with the National Aquarium, which will handle the community outreach part of the project.

There was a discussion about the status of the Homeless Jesus sculpture.

### **Next Meeting: Wed., Nov. 8, 2017.**

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Heil