## St. Vincent DePaul Parish Council

## December 12, 2017

President Mike Jacko opened the meeting at 7:36 pm. Peggy Meyer read a Prayer for Peace. Also in attendance were: Fr. Ray Chase (Pastor), Colleen McCahill (Pastoral Associate), Laureen Brunelli (Administrator, Director of Evangelization), Eve Prietz (Vice-President, 7:15 Rep), Mary Kate Fries-Hershfeld (9:30 Rep), Denny McMullin (Chir, Facilities Committee). Mark Palmer (Chair, Finance Committee), Audrey Rogers (Chair, Liturgy Committee), Graham Yearley (Corporater), Joe Yingling (9:30 Rep), John Moore (Representing Education and Enrichment Committee), Al Reichelt, Anne Freeburger (Corporator and Secretary).

Absent were: Denise Hamilton (11:45 Rep), Rita McMullin (Chair, Education and Enrichment), and Dan Rolandelli (9:30 Rep).

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Ray deferred his report until later in the meeting.

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Colleen announced a new hire, Anthony Barajas, as the custodial person for St. Vincent's. He began last Thursday and is scheduled for 15 hours per week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. We will call in contractors for larger jobs as we need them. Laureen will be responsible for maintaining the contracts on gutter maintenance, elevator, boiler and HVAC. Teresa will continue to help on Fridays.

Mike requested reports from the Committee chairs.

## **EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT**

John Moore said that there will be three new podcasts scheduled for Sundays, January 14, January 28, and February 11, 2018. A ½ day retreat led by Fr. Ray Martin has been scheduled for March 3, 2018. For Lent, the committee is working on a series of presentations dealing with Grief. Rita and Denny are talking to St. Ignatius parish about a response to the Pope's letter on Immigration.

## **LITURGY**

Audrey reported that the committee is considering whether to defer the beginning of the Lector's Evaluation Team until we return upstairs.

## **FACILITIES**

Denny reported that three contractors have been consulted about the repairs to the ceiling in the Sanctuary. No decisions have been made. The repairs to the church roof, including the Sacristy, Have been completed. The ceiling of the sacristy requires the replacement of some tiles; the current tiles are an unusual size which is no longer being made so Charles Chapman is looking for tiles on line. A decision was made to use decorative lighting rather than security lighting on the park side. Andrea Chapman is working on getting cushions for the pews.

## **FINANCE**

Mark said that the next committee meeting is scheduled for next month.

## SOCIAL ACTION and PEACE AND JUSTICE

Peggy asked if there were any questions about her report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Fr. Ray presented a written report on the December 2 meeting on the Park:

"The following were tentatively approved as the guidelines for the serving of food to the homeless at St. Vincent Park. The group is trying to focus on a change in culture for those receiving the food as well as those who distribute it:

#### Schedule:

*Days*: An evening meal will be served Saturday through Thursday evenings. [No meal served on Friday evenings due to the Friday Dinner at St. Vincent's.]

*Times*: evenings with the exact times variable due to time of sunset, i.e. Summer service will be later and Winter earlier, e.g. 4-6 in Winter and 6-8 in Summers (note this includes set up and clean up time)

Duration: 1 hour to 1.5 hours

Scheduling: a volunteer(s) from one of the donor groups take on this responsibility; or each group takes responsibility by the use of a software program where donors simply sign up on available dates.

## **Guidelines for Food:**

*Type*: balanced and nutritious

Quantity: to avoid waste no prepackaged food, e.g. Styrofoam containers, etc.

Quality: attention to the impact of providing quality food

## **Guidelines for Serving:**

Place: only in the Park

*Manner*: Guests will be asked which foods they want and the amount of of each type of food they would like. This should reduce the amount of waste. It is also a way to enhance the dignity of those coming to receive a meal.

Protocol: Guests must line up in single file.

*Relationship Building*: Donors will seek to foster relationships with those who in the Park in the hopes that these relationships may support eventual seeking of services by the homeless.

Photographs and Videotaping: To assure respect for the individuals who come for a meal and to guarantee their right to privacy no photographs or videotaping of guests is permitted.

## **Guidelines for clean-up**:

Donors: all leftovers must be removed by the donor(s)

*Park*: those distributing food assume the responsibility to assure that the entire Park is cleaned. The Guests are asked and expected to assist in this clean up.

## **Evaluating:**

Evaluation Form: a simple form – online or paper. Utilized only if there is something that needs to be addressed. Included in this would be documentation of particularly meaningful experiences. These could be shared with all of the donors as a validation of their work and perhaps to also invite others to become involved in addressing the needs of the homeless.

*Response*: A designated St. Vincent Staff will receive and evaluate necessity for immediate response. All others referred to a Council of Leaders.

Quarterly Review: A Council of Leaders who review and make recommendations regarding the submitted evaluations from the previous quarter.

**Non-Participating Donors**: Will be thanked for their interest in assisting the homeless. Will receive information regarding the policies for donors and reasons for the policies. Will be given a list of organizations that serve the homeless and poor that would appreciate their assistance and support. Invited to consider developing relationships with those who come to the St. Vincent Park.

**Non-Cooperative Donors**: strategy to be developed in cooperation with Baltimore City Police.

Insurance: Donors who are 501-3C are covered. All others are not covered on the St. Vincent Archdiocesan Insurance Plan <u>unless</u> they are designated as "volunteers" of St. Vincent de Paul Church. Waiting for written documentation from the Archdiocesan Risk Management office.

**Training**: TBD but focus will be on education regarding the homeless and strategies for meaningful encounter as well as some of the spiritual struggles and tasks of the homeless who are mentally ill or addicted.

St. Vincent's Park Volunteers: Requirements and process TBD.

**Signage**: A sign(s) displayed which indicates that nothing can be distributed within the Park or on St. Vincent's Property without permission. Exact language to be discerned.

**Ecology**: Re-cycle & use of green materials. . . TBD"

Following discussion there was general agreement on these points. The group will continue to meet on the first Saturday of the month.

Mike asked in what ways we could help with the Ronald McDonald House which is due to open within our parish boundaries in the spring of 2019. Peggy told us that she attends meetings with Sandy Pagnotti who is the Director. Peggy said that she would discuss with her how we might give them spiritual support and find out what support they have at their current Baltimore House. Audrey suggested that we could provide Eucharistic ministers, a liturgy, or an invitation to a special liturgy at St. V's. Colleen suggested that a group of parish volunteers could go to them and ask what successful spiritual care would look like.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Laureen informed us that three contractors have looked at the ceiling in the Sanctuary but we only have reports from two of them.

- 1. John Tiedemann Inc.: Inspected the ceiling on the Tuesday after the molding fell. They found many defects in the plaster keys. They recommended using a super fantastic lift to soak epoxy through the plaster and lathe at a cost of approximately \$600,000.
- 2. Worcester Eisenbrandt, Inc. believes that the plaster which fell was part of the 1990s renovation and was not added from above. They believe that the ribs are much less at risk of further failure. They recommend the use of a more traditional lift which would involve moving the pews and a cost of about \$50,000.
- 3. The third firm has not yet submitted a report but they think that the fallen plaster looks old because it has horse hair in it. We are waiting for their proposal.

Doug Johnson, a representative from the Archdiocese, has recommended the hiring of an engineering firm to evaluate the proposals. We could then bid out the contract. January is the earliest that work could begin and both of the firms estimate that it will take about six weeks to complete the work. It seems unlikely that any insurance claim will be paid. We are still in the investigative phase on this repair.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Freeburger Secretary

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education and Enrichments – Attached below
Facilities – Attached below
Jonestown Planning Council – Attached below
Finance – No report
Friends of St. Vincent Park – No report
Liturgy – Attached below
Peace and Justice – Attached below
Social Action - Attached below

# Minutes Education and Enrichment Committee

12/10/2017

Present: John Moore, Dennis McMullin, Carole Baish, Barbara Bowles, Phil Arnoult, Jack Schmidt, Rosemary Wallace

In the absence of Rita, John chaired the meeting.

Denny opened with "May I be Worthy of Your Trust" prayer.

Topic 1: Krista Tippett Podcasts:

Dates will be 1/14, 1/28, and 2/11. They will be held in the second floor room with the large table. As suggested by Phil, the first podcast in this series will be an interview with Father Richard Rohr.

John will prepare an announcement, which will include leading question(s) and the URL for the podcast.

Committee members are to suggest podcasts for the second and third date and the attendees of the first podcast will vote on the next two topics.

John will prepare the transcripts and edit the original broadcast to around 50 minutes.

TOPIC 2:1/2 day retreat

Jack reported: The Title of the Retreat is "The Spirituality of Mission"

It will begin with breakfast at 8:30 followed by two presentations from Father Ray Martin.

Retreat will end in time for the noon mass.

Topic 3: Lent/ Grief

In the absence of Peggy, details about the presentation content were not discussed.

The pre-presentation meal will consist of soup and bread.

Time will be: meal from 6:30 to 7:30; presentation to follow immediately

A room for the retreat must be determined-perhaps the classroom?

Topic 4: Spring Retreat

All questions were resolved prior to the meeting

Topic 5: New Business/ The Pope's letter on Immigration.

Denny presented information about the program underway at St. Ignatius.

Denny volunteered Rita(and himself) to contact St. Ignatius about us joining/assisting with their program...possibly have them come to us to catch us up on what they have been doing.\*

The next meeting date was not set.

The meeting adjourned after recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Rita McMullin (and John Moore)

\*Rita had previously contacted Fr. Ray and Colleen, plus members of the Peace and Justice Committee. We are awaiting their input before proceeding furthe

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

12/10/2017

Present: Denny McMullin, Bob Ball, Bob Betta, Bob Reuter, Pat Ball, Andy Chapman, Charlie Chapman, Laureen Brunelli

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Church Roof: completed and signed off; gutters on south side are in disrepair; no decision made

Ceiling of the Sanctuary: plaster expert from New Jersey indicated the problem is systemic—quoted about a half million dollars to stabilize; Laureen indicated 2 other contractors were to look at the ceiling

Ceiling of the Sacristy: unusual size of tiles no longer made. Charlie to see if he can find these tiles on the internet; no decision made if the tiles are not found

Lighting on the Park Side of Lexington Street: decision made to use decorative rather than security lighting; no decision made on purchasing

Cushions for the Pews: Andy working on individual cushions

Maintenance Man: Laureen indicated an individual is to be hired for maintenance only; a decision is close;

Custodial Work: possibility of hiring an individual or a company to do this work, per Laureen

Next Meeting Date: not decided

Meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Denny McMullin

# Jonestown Planning Council

General Membership Meeting

**Meeting Minutes** 

November 7, 2017

In Attendance: Mark Palmer, Lindsay Thompson, Nick Johansson, Erik Blackwell, Jacquie Blackwell, Shawn Rauson, Marquita Ferguson (Jonestown residents); Joe Cronyn, Chuck Frascati, Jack Schmidt, Peggy Meyer (St. V's); Amy Schmaljohn, Eric Thompson, Mike Moraz (McKim Center); Bernard Smith (Baltimore Rescue Mission); Steven Rice (Weinberg Shelter/Catholic Charities); Jennifer Hamilton (National Aquarium); Rachel Kassman (Jewish Museum); Catherine Benton-Jones (Change4Real); Marshella Wallace (Planning Dept.); Peggy Webster, Kevin Gallaher, Brian Greenan (HABC); Denise Caldwell (Rec & Parks); Keith Barker (Commercial Development); Clint Huhra (924 E. Baltimore);

Anthony Jones, Gerardo Benavides (Health Care for the Homeless); Councilman Robert Stokes, Kathy Christian (City Council 12th District)
Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

Jonestown Public Safety Major Clinedinst of the Southeast District reported that the district had received 18 new officers in October. For members wishing to follow up on incidents, the Major encourages emailing <a href="mailto:sedtips@baltimorepolice.org">sedtips@baltimorepolice.org</a>. That address is meant to improve customer service and is sent to a small group of command staff—to ensure the information is given to the proper officer/detective. (Members sent emails during the meeting and received very prompt replies.) Call 911 or 311 first—that address does not replace the emergency numbers. Cronyn distributed the crime report for September and October to the group (attached).

**Perkins Homes** Peggy Webster brought all up-to-date on status of the Perkins Homes redevelopment plan—to be submitted by November 22<sub>nd</sub> for HUD Choice Neighborhood \$30 million grant. Jonestown is not included in the proposed target area, but many issues (e.g., City Springs school) affect us. Membership authorized a letter of support from JPC for the plan.

**McKim Park** Denise Caldwell reported on final plans for McKim Park. Cost will be \$750-\$800,000. The basketball courts will not be lighted. Park construction will take about three months following completion of Ronald McDonald House exterior. Improvements to McKim Center outdoor spaces and management policies for park were discussed. **924 E. Baltimore Street** Clint Huhra reported that the office building is being upgraded and will be opening for occupancy soon. Negotiations with CHAP regarding façade improvements are ongoing.

**Health Care for the Homeless** Anthony Jones and Gerardo Benavides reported that HCH serves over 10,000 unique clients annually. They distributed the HCH strategic plan for the next five years (attached).

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**National Aquarium** Jennifer Hamilton reported that construction is well underway, with the first animals scheduled to move in by February 2018 and a grand opening scheduled for the summer. The building's Baltimore Street façade is in design and a JPC subcommittee of nearby property owners will be convened to offer input on the design. **Helping Up Mission** Cronyn reported that HUM is receiving zoning permission to accommodate no more than 20 additional homeless men on a temporary (6 months) basis in its 1017 E. Baltimore Street building. Planning and fundraising for the new women's program building at 1216 E. Baltimore Street are ongoing.

**Hendler Creamery** Keith Barker reported that he expects financing to be settled by the end of the year and demolition will begin on the non-historic buildings in January. **Weinberg Housing & Resource Center** Steven Rice reported that Catholic Charities has now opened up a storage shed with 75 units for storage of the worldly goods of persons experiencing homelessness.

**Councilman Stokes** The councilman stated that he considered the TIF proposed for the Perkins Homes redevelopment more favorably since it was principally to pay for a new City Springs school, expanded Chick Webb recreation center and other infrastructure... not so much to promote gentrification. Mr. Stokes reported on legislation he is introducing: 1) disaster preparedness; 2) transparency in seizure of contraband by the BCPD; 3) legal representation for tenants in Rent Court. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT JPC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 7:00 P.M.

Any comments/questions on the JPC minutes:
Contact Joe Cronyn at (410) 299-5679 or joecronyn@comcast.net

St. Vincent de Paul Church

<u>Liturgy Committee Report to Parish Council</u>

December 12, 2017

The committee held its last meeting on November 4. We finalized planning for Advent and Christmas at that time but have been revising at the staff's lead since the community has needed to move to the Undercroft.

We also began planning for Lent which begins on February 14. To follow through on the year's theme of evangelization and build on Advent's personal encounter, Lent will focus on mission with the theme "Rooted in covenant, Growing toward the Light, Feeding the World".

At the next meeting, we expect to evaluate and plan for Holy Week services with an eye to the possibility of our still being in the Undercroft in late March.

The lector training evaluation team has been recruited and will be finished their peer evaluation period in mid-January. They will meet on December 10 to decide if the full lector training program should be deferred until the community is back in the upper Church (where the problems with hearing and ritual exist). There are 8 lectors on this evaluation team; and an additional 18 have enrolled in the upcoming training.

The committee will hold its next meeting on January 6.

Respectfully submitted,

**Audrey Rogers** 

St. Vincent dePaul Church
Peace and Justice Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2017

Meeting began at 7:05 pm. Mary Catherine led us in prayer. **Present:** Barbara Bowles, Mary Catherine Bunting, Chuck Frascati, Charlotte Grahe, Peggy Meyer, Dennis Moore, Sally O'Hara, Jack Schmidt.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 7:00 PM Charlotte will facilitate. DISCUSSION

**Immigration and Sanctuary Issues**: - Giuliana Valencia-Banks' (Jules') presentation of "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" on October 29<sup>th</sup> was well attended and well received. Mary Catherine followed up to make sure Jules sent informational emails to all that requested them.

The Committee discussed the Trump administration's continued opposition to DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and the rescinding of TPS (Temporary Protected Status) for Haiti refugees which would entail deporting hundreds of thousands of refugees back to a country still heavily devastated from previous earthquakes and hurricanes. Possible actions: continue to call our representatives and closely monitor government committee actions if any.

Sanctuary covenants from the Sanctuary Coalition of Central Maryland will be presented at the next meeting of the Parish Council. These covenants pledge to help immigrants in every way including sanctuary.

**BRIDGE Maryland** — Given the recent good news about BRIDGE and the fact that BRIDGE co-chair, Rev. Bryan Murray, has a strong working relationship with Fr. Ray, we assume we will continue our membership in BRIDGE. We have included \$500 in the budget for membership. Maureen and Dennis will be liaisons to BRIDGE. Now awaiting further updates from Maureen.

San Juan de Limay – We are recommending that our donation be designated for one of the five projects mentioned by Maureen to address the ecological crisis. Maureen will share with Peggy the specific information on how to send the donation. The sale of Nicaraguan crafts will be held on December 3

**South Africa Scholarship Fund** – We will continue our donation of \$1,500 per year and Peggy is waiting for the written request.

**20/20 Roundtable/Initiative** – Peggy and Matt Hill attended the mid-November gathering at City Hall that presented the thousands of petitions to the budget committee requesting the committee's funding of the 20/20 initiative for affordable housing and jobs.

## The Green Team

- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Christian Ready from The Climate Reality Project presented a lecture entitled "The Climate Crisis and its Solutions" clearly documenting global warming and the effects upon the earth. The lecture was heavily documented by data and graphs and was well attended and considered excellent by those attending. (www.climaterealityproject.org)
- **Storm Water Management** Ray Heil and others continue their work in this area. It is likely that the placement of the Homeless Jesus statue will be integrated into the overall plans.

Pax Christi - Chuck provided the following:

- The annual Bishops' Dinner was held on November 14th in our undercroft. The menu included several soups, salad and bread. One cardinal and 9 bishops were in attendance and overall attendance topped 100 with approximately 10 from St. V's. The guest speaker was Bishop Yousif Habash of the Syriac Diocese and the title of his talk was "Persecution of the Church in the Middle East". Time was allotted for individual table discussions and summarized comments.
- A Day of Reflection was held on November 25th with Judy Coode of Pax Christi International as guest speaker. She gave an excellent presentation on the Non-violence Initiative and the meeting that occurred in April 2016. That meeting was extremely successful in that a major document was agreed upon and issued within a two-day span. Unfortunately, only 7 attendees were present at the Day of Reflection. An interesting highlight of the April 2016 meeting was the use of a newer methodology called a "Fishbowl" where attendees of individual sessions rotated to the head table to provide his/her individual perspectives and to answer questions.

During this meeting, Peggy expressed concern for the fact that Howdy Burns was not allowed to present his comments completely at the Bishops' dinner. Also, at a peace (anti-nuclear war) gathering mentioned by Pax Christi but not sponsored by them, Peggy noted that the anti-Trump demonstration was too juvenile to be effective and pointed out the need for civility if the two opposing sides ever expect to resolve problems. She was able to give that feedback to the group that organized the rally.

- On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an Advent Prayer Service at Mission Helpers in Towson at 5:00pm. The guest speaker is Tiffany Nelms, Executive Director of Asylee Women Enterprises.
- Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017 Senate Bill 200 and House Bill 669; the committee was asked to contact their senator and representative in support of these bills. These bills have not progressed out of committee and we will continue to monitor any actions.

#### SAC notes and other items:

**Project Homeless Connect**- On October 12<sup>th</sup>, this annual event was held in the Baltimore Convention Center. Thousands of families and individuals facing homelessness receive medical exams and screenings, haircuts, legal advice, identification, healthy food and more. Each participant is paired with a volunteer guide who travels with them throughout the event, helps them access services and gets to know them. The personal connection creates community connections, increases civic engagement and provides vital resources. St. V's attendees: Patrick, Shannon, Peggy, Louise, Liz and Rita. This year's event was better organized than previous years' especially considering the vision and dental screenings/work were separated from the general issues' area.

Jonestown Planning Council (JPC) – The last JPC meeting was held on for November 7<sup>th</sup>. Minutes are attached. Additionally, it should be noted that Joe Cronyn continues to work with Fr. Ray on the feasibility of renovating the undercroft toilets, so they can be made available on a daily basis to the homeless.

**Sts. James and John School** – Peggy will again have the mitten tree to collect individual mittens, scarves and gloves to be donated to the school.

**Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk** – Mary, Jack and Patrick Fisher attended the prayer walk on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Veronica's Church, 806 Cherry Hill Road Baltimore.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in the Middle East** – Peggy attended the prayer service held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John's Methodist Church, 2640 St. Paul Street, Baltimore. Overall attendance was poor (10 participants). **Social Justice Corner** – Please send suggestions for social justice activities that might interest parishioners to Mary.

**Call to Action** – Regional Conference was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Sister Simone Campbell and Sister Patricia Chapelle highlighted the program which was very well received. Attendance was excellent (250) including Mary Catherine, Mary and Chuck as well as several other parishioners from St. V's.

**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 will investigate this further.

**Gay Conversion Therapy** – This is a treatment whereby minors who exhibit homosexual tendencies are coerced by psychologists or other health care professionals to resist homosexuality. The committee has been asked by WISE (Women Indivisible a Strong Effective) to support the banning of this therapy. Jack will track this topic. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schmidt

## St. Vincent de Paul Church Social Action Committee

Meeting minutes for November 8, 2017. Attending: Peggy Meyer, Peggy Cronyn, Joe Cronyn, Jack Schmidt, Ray Heil, Marcia Metzler,

Next SAC regular meeting will be Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

The meeting started at 7:00 with a prayer.

The Resource Exchange: We are scheduling pickups on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We acquired furniture from Broadmead and Charlestown, using a rental truck for the Charlestown pickup. We are doing 8-10 moves per month. Backlog is about two months. New

facility owned by Episcopal Housing Corp. is 12 apartment unit building in Upton neighborhood called Sojourners Place. All units on the first floor, all accessible. 12 of HCH's clients are scheduled to move in to this facility. United Way provided furniture to the units. We have \$39,000 in our account. We have some new volunteers in hospitality role and other roles. Peggy attended meeting at city hall with petitions to fund 20/20 campaign- \$20 mil. For affordable housing and \$20 mil. For construction jobs, sponsored by United Workers. Pax Christi-sponsoring a day of reflection on Nov. 18. Bishop's peace dinner on Tues. Nov. 14 at 6:30. Pax Christi vespers at 5PM Dec. 3 at Mission Helpers.

Jonestown Planning Council-meeting on Nov. 7 was well attended. A lot going on: Southeast District working with neighborhood and added officers to deter crime. Perkins Homes redevelopment- 629 units in bad shape, completely obsolete- city applying for \$30 mil. Grant to redevelop the community with new and/or renovated housing, construction jobs. Plan is to add approx.600 additional units to the development, which will be mixed income, including rentals and in fee housing.

Hendler building- developer plans demolition in Jan. or Feb.- plan is for 300 market rate apartments. Ronald McDonald House is under construction, and Helping Up Mission will build new women's shelter. National Aquarium will open its new facility in summer 2018. Joe is working on the problem of providing bathroom facilities for the homeless in the basement of the rectory. Fr. Ray is working with park donors to organize the donations and possible redirect some of their resources to fulfill existing needs.

## Friday Dinner Program:

September participation: 159, 260, 286, 285, 208

October participation: 273, 264, 289, 297

# **Emergency Services:**

Men's clothing: September \$781, October \$377

Food: September \$200, October \$795

Service Day 10/7 at Civic Works in Clifton Park: activities included pick up of walnuts; trimming of invasive vines; cleanup of landscape.

Project Homeless- 10/12 at the Convention Center: several people from St. V's attended. Provided needed services to homeless persons for one-two days. Many providers were there to provide services.

Homeless Memorial night is Dec. 21 at the War Memorial.

Green Team: Climate mass in Sept. 17 was well received. Stormwater grant result will be known in early December.

Peace & Justice Committee (see minutes attached).

Homeless Jesus installation has been postponed due to lack of funds from the archdiocese.

**New Business:** Mitten tree will be up again this year. Peggy C. asked about the status of the new brochures for SAC and TRE. Peggy M. will follow up on this.

Next Meeting: Mon., Jan. 22, 2018.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Heil