

Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 14, 2022

In attendance via Zoom: Graham Yearley, Joan Fulton, Ray Heil, Lindsay Dierkes, Mary Hennigan, Aidan Helie, Amber Hendricks, Mark Palmer, John Moore, Colleen McCahill, Geri Sicola, Pat Ball, Fr. Ray Chase, Kate Volpe, Catherine Mundy, Craig Thornton, Denny McMullin, Jim Casey

Absent: Peggy Shouse, Anne Freeburger

Amber opened the meeting with the reading of the parish mission statement and the sacred purpose statement and a prayer for people beginning a new position.

Introductions

- Because this was the first meeting after council elections, Amber asked for all present to introduce themselves and say briefly what they bring to the council or what work they anticipate in the coming year. Committee chairs also gave updates.
- Ray Heil, representing the Social Action Committee, wanted to highlight the upcoming town hall meeting to share the work of the racial equity group on 6/27. Amber asked for clarification on the role of Bishop Lewandowski at this meeting. His role is to learn about what our parish has been doing, possibly with a view towards where such work might be done elsewhere in the diocese. The townhall meeting also will inform the parish about the South Baltimore Community Land Trust and our desire to partner with it.
- Graham Yearley, in his role as corporator, as well as several other people who have been long term members of the parish or served on council in the past, offered their role as one of institutional memory.
- Joan Fulton, Lindsay Dierkes, and others expressed an interest in continuing to work on the visioning process and, beyond that, strategic planning for growth of the parish.
- Aidan said he was eager to listen to the feedback of parishioners.
- Kate Volpe said she plans to approach this work as a “worker bee”, happy to help with the many tasks that arise throughout the year.
- Colleen wanted new members to know that their perspectives are valuable. Her advice was share what you think without hesitation.
- Fr. Ray encouraged council representatives to maintain a curiosity about God and each other as we carry out this work. In doing so, we work against harmful self-centeredness and allow the Spirit to be heard.
- Mark Palmer noted that the finance committee works to balance the management of the church funds with our values and being a good neighbor.

Budget

- The draft of the budget was not ready for review. One piece of information that remains missing is information about the interest on the inter-parish loan funds.
- Mark enumerated other outstanding questions concerning the budget, to which Colleen and Fr. Ray replied that those questions had been answered. It seems to have been a matter of miscommunication that Mark and the finance committee did not receive the updates prior to his meeting.
- Geri Sicola asked if there is cause for concern, given that we will now review the budget after the July 1 start of the fiscal year. Amber and Mark both noted that it has often been the case in past years that the budget has been approved by council later in the summer.
- Craig wondered if it is necessary to meet again prior to July 1.
- Fr. Ray noted that there is nothing financially out of the ordinary occurring in the first weeks of July, so an extra meeting is not necessary. However, we bear responsibility to parishioners, who donate the money we manage, to address the budget in a timely fashion.
- John Moore noted that a budget is a planning document, and thus often changed as the year progresses.
- Ray Heil asked if there was any impediment to making changes should the council deem them necessary. Mark answered that changes are easily made.

Archdiocesan Urban Church Process

- On 5/3/22, Archbishop Lori met with pastors and lay representatives from churches within Baltimore City to begin a listening process to both address the problems that disproportionately affect city churches and how the church within the city can better meet the needs of their communities. A second meeting was held with pastors and Bishop Lewandowski, who introduced Geraldine Bird, who will lead this synodal process. A third meeting was held on 6/1 to begin sharing.
- Fr. Ray said that, while this process is still early and outcomes are unknown, pastors and lay representatives were open about their experiences, good and bad. Some pastors were concerned that this process would be aimed at closing parishes. The hope for the process is to spend 9-12 months in a listening phase, followed by 4-6 months of visioning and discernment.
- Colleen added that Bishop Lewandowski spoke passionately about the mismatch between how city churches operate, based on a city from decades ago, a city where Catholics were a larger proportion of the populace, and the reality of today.
- Ray Heil expressed skepticism about a process that relies on the arbitrary political border between city and county, without acknowledging the demographic changes that have drained resources from the city.
- Mary Hennigan wondered if Hispanic Catholics and immigrant communities are formally being represented. Colleen responded that Sherita Thomas, who was present at some

meetings due to her involvement with Black Catholic Ministries, was not present so much to represent black Catholics as to lend knowledge of city church communities.

- Colleen noted the particular issue that Mass attendance in urban parishes has not returned to pre-Covid levels as it has in suburban parishes.
- Fr. Ray closed the discussion by noting again that this process is in the early stages, but he wanted to share what he knew so that we can keep it in mind as we embark on our own parish visioning process.
- Geri Sicola wondered if anyone knew of follow-up from the archdiocese after parishes submitted synodal reports. No one knew of any news, aside from an email Fr. Ray and Colleen received asking for parishes to check a list to affirm their reports were received. Geri asked if Church reform would pursue this question since it was anticipated that there would be dialogue across parishes in the Archdiocese. Jim Casey said CCR would address this.

Work with Global Learning Partners

- Feedback was exchanged between the parish working group and GLP, but no meeting was held.
- GLP would not be able to work with us again until August 1, due to other commitments.
- Prior to working with GLP, a scope of work needs to be written for phase 2 (visioning) of the parish synodal process. In order for the scope of work to be written, we need to determine a project manager and working group.
- Mary Hennigan was suggested as project manager, and she was willing to take the role.

The general meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer, and only members of the present council remained to choose council officers and members of the working group.

- The following people accepted their roles and were confirmed by council:
 - President Geri Sicola
 - Vice President Lindsay Dierkes
 - Secretary Kate Volpe
- The working group will consist of:
 - Fr. Ray, Colleen, Aidan Helie, Lindsay Dierkes
 - Catherine Mundy was also nominated but was not present at the meeting at the time. Geri will reach out to her and if Catherine does not take up this role at this time Geri will do so.

Minutes for the Social Action Committee Meeting May 23, 2022

Attendees on zoom: Joe and Peggy Cronyn, Jeri Delambo, Sharon Delgado, Chuck and Pat Frascati, Ray Heil, Marcia Metzler, Peggy Meyer, Jack Schmidt, and Kathy Younkin.

Next meeting date: July 25, 2022, 10:00am

The meeting started at 8:02pm. Peggy M facilitated and opened with a prayer for social justice.

Welcome: The committee welcomed Jeri Delambo and Sharon Delgado and hopes they continue to be active members.

Breaking Bread with the Hungry: Jack reported that Father Ray has chosen Blueguard Security to provide security at the meals. Blueguard will send a contract and Father will sign and return it. After the contract goes into effect, St. Vincent's will pay the security firm and be reimbursed by Our Lady of the Fields. It is not known when the security will go into effect since we anticipate a delay in getting onto their schedule and for orientation. Jack also said that things have been going smoothly and that the number of guests has increased slightly. Peggy M said that we will start the picnics in the park once security is in place. She mentioned that we have a sufficient number of volunteers for the lunch bag handouts in the breezeway, but we will need a lot more volunteers when we move to picnics in the park. She mentioned that we have contacts with pre-med students at Johns Hopkins University who are ready to volunteer once the picnics in the park start. Peggy M will contact them.

Peggy C asked if Our Lady of the Fields (OLF) is still providing food and volunteers and if OLF volunteers' concerns are the reason behind security. Peggy M responded that OLF continues to provide the food but no one except Deacon Ed volunteers in person from OLF. She mentioned that at least 4 of the long-term OLF volunteers have passed away. As far as security is concerned, Peggy M mentioned that current OLF volunteers are reluctant to visit the city but that there are also volunteers from St. Vincent's that favor security.

City Springs: Joe said that we have 10 volunteers at the school and that they have felt very good about their work with the students, teachers, and school. On May 25, the last professional development lunch is scheduled from 12:00 to 1:30pm. On that same day in the morning, there will be a book distribution from Donna Dannals and St. Vincent's whereby boxes of books will be handed out to all classes. There will be 2 high-quality used books for every student. Also, Kathy's teacher is starting a lending library and asked her if she would collect books at St. Vincent's. Kathy placed a large box in the back of church, which is already filled, and the book drive continues through the weekend of May 29. Joe also mentioned that Anne Maura English volunteers at the

library of Sisters' Academy in Halethorpe and might have additional books for the book drive.

Joe stated that his last day at the school will be May 26 and that the school will close for the year on June 15. He suggested that the time from now to the end of the year will be somewhat less normal from an educational perspective and that the other tutors should discuss their last days with the teachers.

Joe also said that he had a note in the enewsletter asking for additional volunteers to tutor at City Springs during the next year. So far, no additional people have volunteered but the note has only been in the enewsletter for a week.

Kathy asked about the students attending the Orioles – Yankees game on May 19. Joe remarked that “it’s fun in its own way” considering that the students walked 45 minutes each way and stayed for a 4- hour game. He also mentioned that Aubree Barr hardly sat down with her younger students needing frequent bathroom breaks.

Green Team: Kathy reported that Caroline Umana is the president of Slow Food Baltimore (www.slowfoodbaltimore.com) and asked if the green team would advertise events of her company. There is such an event on June 18 at Plantation Park Heights Urban Farm's Taste the Tropics farmer's market (3811 Park Heights Ave) from 4 to 9pm. It is a celebration of the Juneteenth holiday.

Also, Rita McMullin is working on additional items involving Community Solar.

Peggy M gave an update on environmental legislation. The Climate Solutions Now Act and the Great Maryland Outdoors Act were signed into law. There were also 4 bills that passed both chambers and are awaiting action/inaction by the governor. These deal with electric school busses, energy efficiency, income tax credits for community solar for low- and moderate-income families and other transportation issues.

Peggy M also mentioned that there was a “mini” Earth Day mass in April, and she asked the committee to keep watching for the environmental suggestions listed in the enewsletter and to follow them.

Men’s Program: Jack reported that we had 26 guests at the May 10 men’s program and that the next one is scheduled for tomorrow from 12:30 to 1:30pm. We received the large order for jeans (blue and black), underwear, and tee shirts that Marcia placed.

Peace and Justice Subcommittee: See attached minutes from the May 9 meeting.

TRE: Peggy C said that we are doing only 3 moves per month in June, July, and August in order to accommodate volunteers’ vacations and a smaller furniture inventory. However, Joe has a full truck scheduled for tomorrow’s pick-ups. The pick-up teams are only doing 1 pick-up a month during July and August instead of 2. She commented

that the availability and quality of used furniture at various locations has been “pathetic” especially regarding dressers. She also noted that she purchased 10 beds today.

Peggy C reported that she and Joe represented St. Vincent’s at Roland Park Presbyterian Church last Sunday to present them with a wonderful color picture of St. Vincent’s church along with a resolution from the parish council thanking them for their amazing support. Such support includes home kits for TRE, volunteers for City Springs school, assisting with the Afghan refugee placement, and \$1,000 worth of clothing for the men’s program. Also, Mary Carey, the leader of the Mission Committee, is now joining the TRE move-in teams.

Peggy M said that we have nearly \$50,000 in the TRE account after accounting for a gift of \$15,000 from a generous donor. Peggy C said that she and Joe will soon make a larger IKEA purchase noting that IKEA has significantly increased its prices.

Racial Justice: Peggy M reported that there is a gathering commemorating George Floyd’s death on May 25 at 5:00pm at St. Matthew’s church sponsored by the Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition.

Afghan families: Peggy C said that we started off with the Esperanza Center and Catholic Charities as the sponsoring agencies but then switched to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for logistical reasons. We purchased all new furniture and fixtures, and this second placement was much more extensive. In the first placement, there was a family of 5 and in this second one, there was a family of 6 (with a 1-year-old). Peggy C said that we have exhausted most of the money collected from the parishioners.

St. Vincent’s team of Peggy C, Mary Hennigan, Pat Ball, and Caroline Umana are now entering phase 2 of the program since there are no more families to resettle. This phase involves mentoring a family which essentially means becoming good friends with them and responding to them. The mentored family is further along in the process whereby children have been in school and the father has a job to provide funds. The mentoring phase is supposed to continue for 9 months although Peggy C cited her own personal example of a previous mentorship that has continued for more than 30 years. There is a virtual training class in July for those mentoring. Peggy C invited others, who may be interested, to join them. For those interested, there will be background checks, but no fingerprinting and the Archdiocese will cover the costs of the background checks. Please contact Peggy C for more information.

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): Jack reported that SURJ is pausing their monthly meetings for the summer while undergoing a reorganization. SURJ continues to recommend that followers join the Tuesday weekly meetings for Baltimore Transit Equality Coalition from 6:30 to 7:30pm and the Wednesday weekly meetings for Justice for Tyrone West from 6:30 to 7:30pm. It is noted that Baltimore County SURJ meets on the first Monday of the month.

We Have a Dream: A World Without Racism: Peggy M reported that, on April 20, we held a meeting to introduce the leadership of the South Baltimore Community Land Trust (SBCLT) who gave an excellent presentation on the history and goals of SBCLT. She also told us that the May 18 meeting focused on how to talk to white people about racism. That topic will continue to be discussed at the June 15 meeting.

Peggy said that she and Skipp received the wholehearted support of the Parish Council for the acknowledgement letter and the Townhall meeting. They sent the letter to Archbishop Lori and Bishop Bruce Lewandowski from the parishioners of St. Vincent's. She also stated that she and Skipp had a wonderful conversation with Bishop Lewandowski about the overall activities of the We Have a Dream Initiative. He had not yet received the acknowledgement letter and asked for an electronic copy that Peggy M sent.

They also invited him to attend the Townhall meeting on Monday June 27 at 7:00pm at which the accomplishments and goals of We Have a Dream will be discussed with the parish. The executive committee of SBCLT will also be there. Peggy M and Skipp told Bishop Lewandowski that he could invite representatives from other parishes. Peggy M asked for the support of the committee by attending the Townhall meeting and by asking others to attend especially those that have not been involved.

Peggy M shared the new web page for We Have a Dream which can be accessed by going to www.stvchurch.org and clicking on Justice and Service, and then clicking on Racial Equity: We Have a Dream. There, one can find the mission statement, meeting summaries, recordings, witness statements, information about the SBCLT and how to donate to St. Vincent's racial equity fund. Peggy C asked about the source for such a wonderful web page and Peggy M said she did it with help from Colleen and Joe Yingling. The committee thanked Peggy M for her hard work in designing and implementing the web page.

Attracting Young Families: Since no young families joined our meeting, we will go back to our morning schedule for the next meeting on July 25.

New Business

Survey from Ryan Sattler: Peggy M reported that she had received a Synodality survey concerning LGBTQ+ issues from Ryan Sattler in response to attendance at the Social Ministry Convocation. She asked if others received it and, if not, would they like to see it. In response, she forwarded the survey to those on the committee who had not received it.

Protest about archbishop's denial of communion to Nancy Pelosi: Peggy M asked if anyone wanted to do something in response to the archbishop's action. The consensus of the committee was that one could take action through various web sites such as "Faithful America" and others that provide easy ways (click and send) to automatically respond to such issues.

Movie Weekend: Sharon brought up the idea of sponsoring a film festival weekend where our church would invite members of a black church to view films with familial, racial, or societal issues and to discuss these films over a meal. She suggested the films “Fences” and “Out of the Furnace” as possible examples. Peggy M responded that she thought it is a great idea and recommended that Sharon present this idea to the Education and Enrichment Committee since they had been doing the movie nights pre-Covid and told her we would support it. We Have a Dream group was also exploring working with the parishes in SBCLT neighborhoods.

The meeting ended at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Schmidt

Meeting of the Liturgy Committee
May 25, 2022

Present (by Zoom): Pat Ball, Janice Bonner, Sherry Du, Anne Maura English, Ray Chase, Colleen McCahill, Catherine Mundy, Valerie Rolandelli, Brian Volck, Graham Yearley

Pat Ball opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Lent and Holy Week

The Wednesday events and the liturgies of Holy Week were well received by the community. Special acknowledgment was made of the Stations of the Cross presented by WIM, the penance service presented by Peggy Meyer and Skipp Sanders and the Genesis reading in the Easter Vigil presented by the Dierkes/Sadaca family.

Regarding the Seder:

About 25 participants logged in, but each most likely reflected the participation of several people.

The committee discussed the scheduling of the Seder in the future. Wednesday of Holy Week may not be the best time, but it should be tied to Holy Week. If we are able to have an in-person Seder next year, it would probably be best to separate it from the Holy Thursday liturgy. We could also invite people to hold the Seder in their homes using the Haggadah provided by the parish.

2. Year of the Eucharist

The committee generally agreed that the first three parts of Year of the Eucharist—the focus on the individual, the community and scripture—had a strong emphasis; the focus tapered off, especially during Lent and the Easter season. We have, however, continued to use the YoE prayer when lighting the candle at the start of each liturgy. After some discussion the committee agreed that Fr. Ray would incorporate the common priesthood of the laity into his homilies wherever it seemed to fit up to Corpus Christi, the end of YoE. The liturgy planner for that Sunday would also include an acknowledgement of Year of the Eucharist.

3. Summer Series

The committee chose the Book of Nehemiah for the Summer Series because of its focus on the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the Exile. This theme can be tied to the exploration of our identity as St. Vincent parish that will take place in the near future. The timeline for that “visioning” will be determined by Parish Council. Janice Bonner and Valerie Rolandelli volunteered to be the SS team, with input from Fr. Ray and Brian Volck. The dates for the Summer Series are: July 24, July 31, August 7 and August 14 if a fourth Sunday is needed.

4. Discrepancies between the St. Vincent lectionary and USCCB readings

Janice Bonner explained that there has been confusion in recent Sundays when the readings scheduled in the St. Vincent lectionary (SVL) have deviated from those of the USCCB. In general, there are two ways in which the readings differ. In the first, the SVL includes all verses of a Scripture passage, primarily for the ease of the lectors because it is difficult to skip verses when reading from the Altar Bible. The USCCB frequently skips verses. In the second type of deviation, however, the SVL presents a completely different reading. The

committee agreed that Janice should continue to use the SVL when making up the lector/planner schedule but should use the USCCB lectionary when there is a difference. In those cases, lectors/planners will be alerted that the reading is not the one included in the STV binder.

5. Dressing the altar

There has been some confusion regarding how to prepare the altar and bring up the gifts. Some of this can be traced back to COVID restrictions; some of it may be because people are using the older set of directions. The committee agreed on two ways to address the problem. First, Colleen will make a short video that illustrated the proper procedure which will be included in the St. V website. Second, Pat Ball will talk with Kathy Betta (the coordinator) about preparing a new set of directions for both dressing the altar and presenting the gifts.

6. Plethora of albs

Colleen reported that Brigid has washed the albs that have accumulated. The committee agreed that Colleen will select about 6 of the albs that may be needed in the future. She will give away the rest.

7. Additional items

The candidates for Confirmation will be blessed at the mass on Pentecost on June 5. Liturgy of the Word for children will also begin on June 5.

8. Selection of Chair

The committee deferred the selection of the next Chair to the August meeting when new members will be present.

9. Liturgy Committee retreat

The committee agreed on holding the retreat on August 13. The focus will be the NCR article on the liturgy. Anne Maura, Pat and Catherine will plan the retreat. New member Lena Denis will join the committee at that time.

The meeting closed with the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Bonner

Peace and Justice Committee Minutes for May 9, 2022

A video meeting using Zoom began at 7:00pm. Attending: Barbara Bowles, Mary Catherine Bunting, Peggy Meyer, Dennis Moore, and Jack Schmidt. Peggy facilitated and Mary Catherine opened with the prayer honoring the original owners of the land (the Piscataway community) on which St. Vincent's is built. Peggy followed with a prayer for guidance and peace.

Next meeting: July 25, 2022, 7:00pm. Dennis will facilitate and asked that we provide him with a printed copy of this meeting's minutes since his printer is no longer working.

"We Have a Dream: A World Without Racism": On April 20, we held a meeting to introduce the leadership of the South Baltimore Community Land Trust (SBCLT): Meleny Thomas, Carlos Sanchez, Sophie Stanka, and Lisa Clayton, as well as St. Vincent's parishioner Sharon Hunt who is the Chairwoman of the Board. They gave an excellent presentation on the history and goals of SBCLT, answered questions, and invited everyone to a celebration of the organization on April 22 at 5:30pm at Lot #1116 Inner Circle in Curtis Bay.

Peggy said that she and Skipp received the wholehearted support of the Parish Council for the acknowledgement letter and the Townhall meeting. They sent the letter to Archbishop Lori and Bishop Bruce Lewandowski from the parishioners of St. Vincent's. She also stated that she and Skipp had a wonderful conversation with Bishop Lewandowski about the overall activities of the We Have a Dream Initiative. He had not yet received the acknowledgement letter and asked for an electronic copy that Peggy sent. They also invited him to attend the Town hall meeting on June 27 at 7:00pm at which the accomplishments and goals of the initiative will be discussed with the parish. Peggy and Skipp told Bishop Lewandowski that he could invite representatives from other parishes.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 7:00pm. Topics include the townhall meeting and a discussion of how white people should talk to other white people about racism. Also, Peggy continues to work on the website for the group.

Immigration: Peggy thanked Giuliana Valencia-Banks (in absentia) for providing the contact information to support the proposed bill, Access to Counsel for Immigrants. It is noted that the bill did not get out of committee but there is a strong hope that it will be passed in next year's General Assembly.

Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition (BLMIC): Mary Catherine attended and reported the last rally was on April 24 at York Road and Ridgely Road. The rallies are usually held on the third Sunday of the month but the one for May has not yet been scheduled. Mary Catherine said these rallies are really needed.

Juneteenth Celebration (June 19): Dennis has been working with Caroline Umana on the celebration of Juneteenth for the parish. He said that the time is set for 1:00 to 3:00pm but the location has not been finalized. On May 7, Dennis and Caroline visited 4 different black-owned farms (or parks) which might serve as a location. One in Cherry Hill and one on Monroe Street are no longer working. Two locations that might be possibilities are one on Whitelock Street near Druid Hill Park and one near the 4100 block of Park Heights Avenue. A location in Cockeysville is already having a celebration and invited us to join them but we would be limited regarding the size of the group. Dennis said he will have a decision soon and invited the committee members.

Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington: Mary Catherine mentioned this march which will be held on June 18 from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): Peggy shared SURJ's recent newsletter which noted that the Baltimore Chapter is pausing its monthly meetings for the summer. It also offered discussions on the leaked Roe v Wade decision and the recently successful Ceasefire weekend. It also suggested taking action regarding water affordability in the city and volunteering to help the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition collect signatures for its petition campaign.

Historic Panels Commemorating St. Vincent's Cemetery: Chuck continues to work with the cemetery to try to get funding grants for the panels, especially from the Baltimore Heritage Foundation.

Beyond the Boundaries (BtB): Mary Catherine stated that BtB had written a letter in support of holding a hearing for the affordable, inclusionary housing bill before the City Council, and they wanted Bishop Lewandowski to sign it. (Mary Catherine was successful in giving him the letter at a Racial Justice Circle meeting.) She said BtB continues to meet with City Councilwoman, Odette Ramos, and others (including Matt Hill) every Friday to work on the bill. Odette and others have been working very hard on specific language that would prevent amendments that water-down the legislation. Peggy asked Mary Catherine to let the committee know if there is something we could do in support of the bill.

Maryland Catholic Labor Network: has mostly focused on national issues. It also honored Monsignor George Higgins, a leading "labor priest" of his era, who recently passed away.

Pax Christi: Jack mentioned that Chuck told him that the regional Pax Christi group is meeting at St. Vincent's on June 4 at 9:30am. This will be the first time since the pandemic started that they would meet in person.

The Good Friday stations went very well. The social justice theme was the situation in the Ukraine. The write-ups for the meditations and prayers were excellent. The

stations started at City Hall and progressed to St. Vincent's with an attendance of 12 including Peggy, Mary Catherine, Chuck, and Jack from the committee.

South Baltimore Community Land Trust (SBCLT): Peggy mentioned that, as a result of generous contributions, SBCLT now has internet in its building and health care for its full-time employees for the year. She also said that the racial equity fund has started, and she will talk about that at the next We Have a Dream meeting. She said that checks should be made out to St. Vincent's Church with "racial equity fund" stated in the notation line.

Dennis asked if they only accept donations of \$500 or more based on a statement by Meleny at the last We Have a Dream meeting. Peggy clarified this by saying that SBCLT will accept donations of any amount and that Meleny was referring to a tax credit that is available from the state of Maryland to anyone donating \$500 or more.

Dennis also said that he talked with Pete McDowell about possibly offering pro-bono legal services to SBCLT. Pete said that he only did criminal justice work. Peggy hopes that one of the parish's lawyers will eventually help.

City Springs: Peggy reported that things are going well in general and that Covid is under control there. The school continues to do pool testing and Peggy mentioned that she wears her mask while at the school.

Attracting Young Families: After Lindsay Dierkes' suggestion that younger families might be able to attend committee meetings if we could schedule the meetings at 8:00pm and limit them to an hour, we planned to try that at our next meeting of the Social Action Committee (SAC) on May 23. Based on that attendance, we might adjust the meeting time for this sub-committee. Peggy will put a notice of the SAC meeting in the next enewsletter.

Breaking Bread with the Hungry: Jack said that things have been going smoothly and that our number of recipients seems to be growing slightly. Dennis has joined our volunteers during the past several weeks. He also said that we have been receiving quite a few donations of toiletries, clothing and blankets from Deacon Ed, Our Lady of the Fields parish and from a local scout troop. Peggy mentioned that she received an email from a woman who was connected to the Johns Hopkins students (last year's contact was Razeen) who volunteered last summer during our picnics in the park asking if we would again like their help. Peggy said, "definitely yes" and will talk to her mid-month with more information.

Brooke Lierman for Comptroller: The primary election has been moved from June 28 to July 19 and the general election is November 8.

Ukraine: Peggy asked if anyone was aware of additional action that could be taken in support of the Ukrainian people other than money. Dennis said that emphasis was still

placed on monetary donations to support efforts already in place. Peggy mentioned that the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) were good organizations for donations. Similarly, Mary Catherine talked about World Central Kitchens and Chef Jose Andres and Peggy also brought up the World Food Programme, a branch of the United Nations.

6 Black Candidates for Sainthood: Jack asked if anyone had an update on this effort. There is no additional news other than Ralph Moore at St. Ann's parish is leading the effort and that he had sent roughly 1,000 letters that were previously signed in support of the canonization.

The meeting ended at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Schmidt