



## St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 19 September 2017 ~ 6:30 pm

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm with Deacon Jerry Green leading the opening prayer.

**Members Present:** Deacon Jerry Green, Jerry Degruise, Kaye Hemerline, Jan Hetherington, Bev Kalmar, Don Kenny, Sue McQueen, Tom Moomey, Craig Shanteau, Helen Thrush, Kaylie Willoughby

**Members Not Present:** Butch Ballauer, Joe Garvin

**Guests:** Zack Lobsinger (Finance Chair)

**Minutes from the July 18, 2017 Pastoral Council (PC) meeting** were approved.

### Finance Council and Commission Reports

#### Our Fiscal Year Closed June 30: A Brief Recap

Collections	\$ 243,559.62
Rental Income	19,255.00
Bulletin Ads	1,090.00
Donations/Stipends/Interest/Misc	45,880.96
Cemetery Lots	5,400.00
Sale of Assets (St. Leo the Great)	41,882.84
CSA Return	1,293.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 358,361.42</b>

Church & Music Expenses	\$ 8,873.90
Educational Expenses	5,982.82
Service to Parish/Travel Expenses	25,451.94
Salaries & Benefits	202,432.59
Services & Maintenance/Truck Exp	22,116.08
Insurance/Utilities/Phone	36,222.49
Building/Land/Equipment/Misc	16,458.45
Administration/Office Expenses	4,435.67
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 321,973.94</b>

**Finance Council (FC)**- Zack shared a brief recap of 2016-17 Fiscal Year Closing Report as follows with a deficient of \$36,387.48. Our current weekly collection has slipped about \$10,000 below projected budget amount and FC projects we might close the current fiscal year with a a deficient between \$20,000-\$25,000. On a positive note SVdP does have approximately \$190,000 in our Diocesan Savings Account and recently received a \$1300 reimbursement check from the Diocese of Saginaw for overpayment of 2016 CSA Assessment. FC will continue working to maintain the financial needs of our parish as we work together to build a community of faith together.

**Christian Service Commission**- no report at this time.

#### **Evangelization Commission (EC)**-

EC continues their mission building upon the success of the last spring's Alpha program. Based upon Alpha participant responses, EC has decided to continue using an Alpha format but shifting the focus to a program designed specifically for the Catholic followers. Deacon Jerry shared updates on the following programs planned for this year.

**Alpha** - EC will host another Alpha program during Lent 2018 for those who were unable to attend last year. Discussion about different meal options to lower the Alpha meal costs followed.

**Living the Eucharist** - *Living the Eucharist* is a dynamic parish-based program designed to bring parish members together to strengthen the faith community and deepen their understanding of the Sunday mass. The program runs Monday evenings from Oct 9-Nov 13. Sessions begin with a 6 pm potluck meal followed by a presentation and group discussion from 7:30-8:00 pm.

**Whole Community Catechesis** - Deacon Jerry shared that we have 95 parishioners have registered for the first session to be held Oct 1 following Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Parishioners will be served breakfast meal together followed by catechesis in age-appropriate groups. Meal will be catered at a cost of \$5 per person. Additional sessions are planned for **Nov 5, Dec 3, 2017- and Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, April 1, & May 6, 2018.**

**Faith Formation Commission (FFC)** - No report at this time. Chair Jerry will invite Mary Moomey to attend the Nov 7 PC meeting.

**Youth Ministry (YM)** - YM team is planning on presenting on young people flowers for the October Shepherd Homecoming. Suggestions were made on possible florist shops who might give discount.

The YM team is gathering info on the Teen Alpha program to possibly run later this year. At this time, Alpha is currently reviewing this program and revised version should be released soon. YM will review the revised program and make future plans accordingly.

**Worship Commission-** No report at this time.

**Stewardship Commission-** No active commission at this time.

### **Old Business**

**Funeral Dinners Subcommittee** - Chair Jerry D will be working with Butch and Jan to invite parish volunteers to a discussion meeting to review funeral dinner concerns and streamline practices. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the bulletin inviting all parishioners to join in this open discussion meeting.

### **New Business**

- Chair Jerry D shared information about our two parish websites which helps our parishioners and others stay in touch. Kate Boursaw monitors our SVDP Website and Morgan Monte monitors the My Parish App.
- Jan shared a concern from parishioners regarding rental hall fee parishioners are being charged. Parishioners felt the rental fee was excessive making it too costly for them to rent. After discussion, the PC agreed to request that FC review the hall rental policy and determine a lower fee structure for active parishioners.
- Two years ago, it was decided that email addresses for PC Chair and FC Chair be published in the Church bulletin. To date, these email accounts have remained inactive.

**Motion made** by Jan to close current PC & FC chair email accounts and remove addresses from the weekly Church bulletin.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Next Meeting will a Joint Pastoral/Finance Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the St Vincent de Paul hall. Pastoral Council will be hosting the meeting.**

Deacon Jerry led the closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaye Hemerline