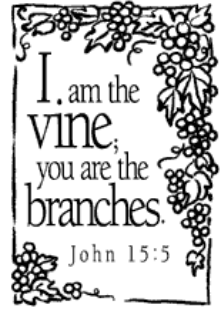


St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

17 January 2017 ~ 6:30 pm



Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with Dr Jerry Green leading the opening prayer. Craig Shanteau served as Chair for this meeting.

Members Present: Dr Jerry Green, Walter Ballauer, Kaye Hemerline, Sue Hohlbein, Don Kenny, Craig Shanteau, Kaylie Willoughby

Members Not Present: Jerry Degruise, Bev Kalmar, Sue McQueen, Tom Moomey, Helen Thrush

Guests: Zach Lobsinger (Finance Chair)

Minutes from the November 8, 2016 Pastoral Council (PC) meeting were approved. Minutes from the October 8, 2016 Joint Finance & Pastoral Council meeting will be reviewed at the January Finance Council meeting for approval.

Pastoral Council (PC) Membership Changes

Kaylie Willoughby has joined the PC filling the vacancy left by Tom Krafft's resignation. Dr Jerry will be contacting a nominee to see if she will fulfill Jake Moeggenborg's vacancy. The PC thanks Tom and Jake for their time and service. Current PC Members terms were also reviewed.

Finance Council and Commission Reports

Finance Council (FC)- due to the rescheduled FC meeting there is no Financial Report at this time. FC will continue reviewing possible equipment items for sale.

Christian Service Commission- no report at this time.

Faith Formation Commission (FFC) & Youth Ministry (YM)- FFC reported on the following special youth activities planned for this school year which include the December 18 Advent program, the March 26 Lenten mass, the April 22 Confirmation, and the May 3 Crowning of Mary. FFC is also exploring ideas for additional Family Faith Formation actions which incorporate an interactive and intergenerational approach. The YM team is using a "soft start" approach which was suggested by the Diocesan advisor in which they reach out to our young people by meeting them where they are already gathered (i.e. school sporting events, plays, 6th gr camp, etc). YM members have started showing up at these events wearing special t-shirts (Believe on the front and St Vincent de Paul on the back) to greet kids, pass out Believe bracelets, and begin building relationships.

Evangelization Commission (EC)- EC is planning the Alpha Program to run March 6-June 4. Alpha includes 11 weekly sessions (Mondays 6:00-8:00 pm) and a full-day Saturday retreat (9-3 pm). Trained facilitators will lead the sessions which begin with catered meals followed by a video presentations and then discussions. Alpha is open to everyone and our sessions have been posted on the Alpha website. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon so that parishioners can begin signing up. More information to follow.

Worship Commission- no report at this time

Stewardship Commission- no report at this time

Catholic Services Appeal Report

Our 2016 CSA assessment was set at \$44,221. Through parishioner support, the hard work of bake sale volunteers, and a generous gift from a special visiting guest, we have achieved our 2016 pledge goal. If all CSA pledges are fully submitted as planned, we should surpass our goal and the Diocese will return a

small overpayment back to our Parish. Also the FC has submitted the necessary paperwork requesting the removal of noncontributing parishioners/nonenvelope users from our CSA parish assessment count (these names are removed only from the CSA calculation lists and are still maintained in our parish records/registry). Unfortunately this process takes time and there will be a substantial time delay before the CSA reevaluation process is completed.

New Business

- As part of our evangelization efforts, a discussion took place regarding ways SVDP could improve its community presence/visibility during the 2017 Maple Syrup Festival. One suggestion was to have a SVDP float in the Maple Syrup Festival parade. Another suggestion was to hang a large SVDP welcome banner on our chain link fence during the festival. Zach will further the discussion with the Finance Council when they meet next week.
- It was also noted that the permanent signage of all our parish facilities has not been completed as directed by the Diocese. FC will take a closer look at this issue.
- Dr Jerry shared copies of several Diocesan Publication Bulletins. This company prints high quality, full-color bulletins for several Catholic parishes throughout Michigan. We need only to email them a copy of our weekly bulletin and they send back printed full-colored bulletins. They will also post a copy online. The company assumes full responsibility for getting adequate advertisers to cover their fees. Dr Jerry will continue talking with Diocesan Publications to see if it is feasible for our parish to use their services.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6:30 pm at St Vincent de Paul.

Dr Jerry led the closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Hemerline