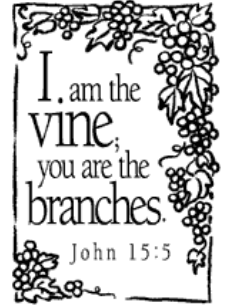


# St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

## 13 September 2016 ~ 6:30 pm



Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with Dr. Jerry Green leading the opening prayer.

**Members Present:** Dr. Jerry Green, Butch Ballauer, Jerry Degruise, Kaye Hemerline, Sue Hohlbein, Bev Kalmar, Don Kenny, Sue McQueen, Jake Moeggenborg, Tom Moomey, Craig Shanteau, Helen Thrush

**Members Not Present:** Thomas Krafft

**Guests:** Zach Lobsinger (Finance Chair), Kaylie Willoughby (Evangelical Committee)

**Minutes from the July 19, 2016 Pastoral Council (PC) meeting were approved.**

### **Sale of St. Leo the Great Church Building**

Dr. Jerry provided an update on the sale status of the St Leo the Great Church Building. The higher July full property tax assessment, the projected increase in maintenance costs, and the lack of an acceptable purchase agreement led to the decision to drop the current asking price to \$55,000 which aligns more closely to the property's current assessment value. A purchase offer has been received and forwarded to the Diocese for approval.

### **Catholic Services Appeal Report**

Recent articles explaining how CSA funds are used have been posted in recent Church bulletins. Dr. Jerry has asked the Finance Council come up with a plan for achieving our CSA target.

### **Finance Council Update**

Zach explained the Finance Council approved the transfer of our three smaller local operating funds to the Shepherd Isabella Bank. This change eliminates unnecessary banking fees and will enable safer afterhours deposits via the bank's night deposit box. Money Counters will retrieve the deposit bags and complete their count at the church. The larger deposit funds will continued to be kept at the Diocese.

### **Commission Reports to Pastoral Council**

Work will continue on growing and building active Commissions within our parish, working together with the PC and parish to become a true mission church. Our commissions include: Worship Commission, Faith Formation Commission, Christian Service Commission, Stewardship Commission, and the Evangelization Committee.

### **Evangelization Committee (EC)**

Kaylie Willoughby provided highlights from the first EC meeting held Sept 1. Discussion was held about reaching out to the large numbers of alienated Catholics who are no longer active in our parish. Some possible activities being considered are having an information booth at the Maple Syrup Festival, having doorway greeters at our church services, publishing our holiday services & inviting all in the Community to attend, and fully participating in the *Catholics Coming Home* activities.

A brief discussion followed about using this Advent season as a special time to reach out in our parish family. Ideas included have a special holiday invitation mailed out to our inactive parishioners and also having parishioners host Advent dinners in their homes.

Also the need to provide an active Youth Ministry was discussed. Dr. Jerry will contact Fr. Nate to discuss possibly having our parish join with the Nativity of the Lord to provide more activities for our parish youth.

#### **Email Mailboxes for Finance and Pastoral Council Chairs**

Jerry D (PC Chair) and Zach (FC Chair) will work together to set up the chair mailboxes and inform parishioners on their use.

#### **Pastoral Council Leadership**

Dr. Jerry provided information regarding changing the role of the Pastoral Council from working as an administrative reporting tool to expanding into a visionary leadership role focused on helping our Commissions and the parish community grow into a true mission church. The PC will begin this work by developing their one-year and five-year plan.

#### **New Business**

- A parishioner's concern was discussed regarding the recent buildup of lawn clippings on the grave markers at St Leo the Great Cemetery. This problem will be addressed.

**Our next meeting will be the Joint Finance & Pastoral Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 6:30 pm at St Vincent de Paul. Debbie Bierlein, Chief Financial Officer for Saginaw Diocese will discuss Perpetual Care funding for our church cemeteries.**

Dr. Jerry led the closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaye Hemerline