

St. Vincent de Paul-Joint Council Meeting

October 3, 2017

Prayer: Dr. Jerry Green

Present: Dr. Jerry Green, Joyce Riley, Brent Moeggenborg, Mary Moomey, Zach Lobsinger, Tom Moomey, Don Kenny, Doug Duffy, Sue McQueen, Kaylie Willoughby, Marie Green, Aaron Lloyd, Bill Daniels, Craig Shanteau, Jan Hetherington, Walter Ballauer, Bev Kalmar, Jerry Degruise, & Tish Mallory.

Approval of prior (July 2017) minutes to be tabled to a later date.

Joe Garvin has resigned from Parish Council due to personal reasons. There will be an announcement in the bulletin to fill the vacancy.

Discussed concerns of St Vincent's hall rates, 6 families so far have shared concerns about how high the rental cost is especially for those who have contributed for the hall when it was built. Decided to lower rates for parishioners and at this time we will only rent to active parishioners with final decisions to be made by Deacon Jerry.

Mary Moomey updated us on youth programs. She discussed her staff of Katie Bellinger chair of the St Patrick's location and she has two assistants: Geralyn Moeggenborg and Gina Filhart. Mary is assisted at the St. Vincent location by: Danielle Hoppe, Marilyn Lorenz, Donna Le Fever, and John Helinski . There are 18-20 children at St Vincents and 12-14 at St. Patricks that participate. The children's choir has begun and will perform on the 1st Sunday of each month. The focus is youth and sacramental preparation. There will be adult bible study and more programming and support for youth ministry.

Funeral luncheons were discussed. There is a concern that it is difficult to find workers. It was also noted several of the council members have never been contacted to donate or help. Walter Ballauer reported that there are 3 versions of meals: 1) Hot meal, 2) Cold meal (cold cuts/sandwiches/salads), and 3) Catered meal. There is the set-up crew, day of prep crew/servers, and tear down and

cleaning crew. Typically the family pays for the meats and paper products. It was discussed that we ask if anyone has left over paper products/plastic ware from family gatherings that we would accept donations or if parishioners wanted to purchase for our own pantry. Tish suggested we accept donations of paper products, commercial/restaurant sized baked beans, canned vegetables, tuna, mayo, etc. to have in our pantry for possible shortages during a meal or for inadequate food donations. We decided to get new lists of volunteers/donors in place for future meals.

Don Kenny made a motion to let a sub-committee continue with a plan to simplify and improve the process involving funeral dinners, 2nd by Tom Moomey, motion passed.

St. Vincent de Paul website: stvincentdp.com-it was discussed that we should add history including pictures to our website. Do we want to? Do we want a committee to oversee history and pictures to be added to the site?

Tish Mallory made a motion to add history and photographs to the website and have a committee oversee it, 2nd by Jan Hetherington, motion passed.

The Christmas parade in Shepherd was discussed. Together with the United Methodist Church there is interest in a Nativity float/Holy Family float. We will work it out together.

Trees on the West side of the parking lot were removed by the Village of Shepherd because they were diseased.

New Business: Doug Duffy questioned the availability of water at the St. Leo Cemetery. We think the water line is still hooked up to the former church. Jerry Degruise is going to confirm as he has met the new owners. We decided we should do something for them for the use of the water.

Jan Hetherington moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm, 2nd by Craig Shanteau.