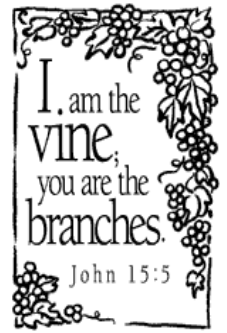


St Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7 November 2017 ~ 6:30 pm



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

Members Present: Deacon Jerry Green, Butch Ballauer, Jerry Degruise, Kaye Hemerline, Jan Hetherington, Bev Kalmar, Don Kenny, Jackie Loomis, Tom Moomey, Craig Shanteau, Kaylie Willoughby

Members Not Present: Sue McQueen, Helen Thrush

Guests: Zack Lobsinger (Finance Chair), Mary Moomey (Faith Formation)

Minutes from the September 19, 2017 Pastoral Council (PC) meeting were approved. Minutes from the October 3, 2017 Joint Pastoral/Finance Council were approved as amended.

Jackie Loomis was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Joe Garvin's resignation.

Finance Council and Commission Reports

Finance Council (FC) - Zack shared the highlights from the newly revised Hall Rental fees guidelines adopted by the FC. Rental fees are as follows:

- **St Vincent de Paul Hall Small Gatherings**
\$190-210 Rental Fee plus \$250 Damage Deposit (DD)
DD is fully refunded if room is left cleaned and no damages are found. Rental fee includes \$50 parish room rent, \$100 insurance cost (required by Diocese), and \$40-\$60 administrative fee to pay hall manager(s) wages.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Hall Large Gatherings (Unchanged)**
\$750 Rental Fee plus \$100 Damage Deposit (DD) & \$20@hr hall manager fee based on hrs in use
DD is fully refunded if no damages are found. Rental fee includes \$500 parish room rent, \$100 insurance costs (required by Diocese), and \$250 cleaning fee.
- **St Patrick Hall (Unchanged)**
\$125 Rental Fee plus \$25 Damage Deposit (DD)
DD is fully refunded if room is cleaned & no damages are found. Rental fee includes \$25 parish room rent and \$100 insurance cost (required by Diocese). This hall rental is less expensive due to the fact that the space is smaller and volunteers assume hall managers duties.

Christian Service Commission- no report at this time.

Evangelization Commission (EC) -

Deacon Jerry shared updates on our two ongoing parish enrichment programs which have been well received by our parishioners:

Living the Eucharist About 35-40 parishioners are attending the six-week Monday evening sessions which ends next Monday. Sessions begin with a potluck meal followed by a presentation and group discussion.

Whole Community Catechesis About 100 parishioners attended the first two monthly sessions which began with a shared family breakfast following Sunday mass. Participants then breakout into age-appropriate discussion sessions. The next monthly session will be held on Dec 3.

EC is continuing their work on planning a second **Alpha** series during Lent 2018. Different food options are being considered to help reduce meal costs.

Faith Formation Commission (FFC) - Mary Moomey gave an update on our FFC activities. This year's class of Sacramental Preparation students are busy at work. In the spring, SVDP will host the joint Confirmation

Celebration celebrated with young people from three neighboring parishes (Nativity of the Lord *Alma/St Louis*, St Paul the Apostle *Ithaca*, and St Vincent de Paul). Other upcoming events include the All Saints Celebration celebrated at St Patrick on Wed, Nov 8 and the Advent Program held on Sun, Dec 17 at SVDP.

Youth Ministry (YM) - YM team has been busy reaching out to our young people using the vision outlined in last year's diocesan training- actively reaching out to young people where they are already instead of waiting for them to come to us. Activities planned by the YM team for this year include:

- Sending *Congratulations on a Successful Season* cards to X-Country & Pompom team athletes.
- Presenting flowers & blessings to HS students for a safe Homecoming Celebration.
- Blessing the students' Back Packs to send them off to a successful school year.
- Passing out candy & greeting families at the Shepherd Trunk or Treat.
- Offering blessings to our HS students during Exam Week.
- Collecting items & making Goody Bags for 6th grade students for their school camping trip.
- Planning an Alpha Teen program to be offered Spring 2018.
- Participating in Shepherd Christmas Parade to be held Thurs, Nov 30 @ 5:45pm. Mary will be contacting Diane Courter for more information. Suggestions was made to march with our Church Banner & distributing candy.

Suggestion was made to post donation needs (i.e.) in the weekly church bulletin giving parishioners an opportunity to provide their support to the YM programs.

Worship Commission- No report at this time.

Stewardship Commission- No active commission at this time.

Old Business

Funeral Dinners Subcommittee - Butch shared highlights from the funeral luncheon workers' meeting held last month. Their recommendations include simplifying meal options and reducing the workload for luncheon workers. The committee will meet next Tuesday to finalize their plans. Representatives will speak at the Nov 25 & 26 masses to share this new policy with parishioners. Representatives will also be present at Dec 2-3 masses to recruit funeral workers.

New Business

- St Vincent de Paul will be hosting a joint Advent Ecumenical Service with the United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec 3 @ 4 pm. Rev. Janet Larner and Deacon Jerry Green will preside at the service. The joint prayer service will conclude with a joint fellowship reception in our parish hall.
- Deacon Jerry shared the good news that our October 2017 count has risen to 386. Our Oct 2016 count was 352 and our Oct 2015 count was 353.
- Jerry D shared that we need to add a history component to our parish website. Jerry D will contact Larry Noyes to form a subcommittee to work together to create a written history for our three churches- St Leo, St Patrick, and St Vincent de Paul.
- Jan shared concerns about securing our church building in lieu of the recent Texas church violence. Deacon Jerry shared he will be attending a Diocesan meeting where this concern will be discussed. Suggestion was made to change the two outer entry door locks so that entry is blocked once services begin while maintaining free exit at any time. Further discussion will follow.

Next Meeting will held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the St Vincent de Paul hall. Butch will chair this meeting.

Deacon Jerry led the closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Hemerline