

# ***DRAFT* - St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dave Spindler. Deacon Todd led the opening prayer. Present at the meeting were: Deacon Todd Lovas, Liz Bacon, Cindy Gall, Brenda Faber-Gruss, Jackie Loomis, Don Moeggenberg, Judy Moldenhauer, Nancy Scovill, Marti Snyder, Dave Spindler, and John Walsh

Absent: Roger Jacobs and Sue McQueen

Roll call was completed by Jackie Loomis. A motion was made by Cindy Gall and seconded by Brenda Faber-Gruss to approve the Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024. Motion passed.

These minutes are a "draft" and were approved via email. They will be officially approved at our next meeting on January 21, 2025.

Dave welcomed Marti Snyder to the Pastoral Council.

Deacon Todd reminded committee members that we are the eyes and ears of parish.

## **Standing Reports:**

Building and Maintenance Updates: We have a new roofer. The roofer indicates that he can replace the roof at St. Patrick Church before winter. The bulk of the tower has been paid for. \$5,000 was held back for concrete repairs.

Capital Campaign: The goal is \$193,500. To date we have received total pledges of \$191,904 or 99.7% of the goal. Of those pledges we received \$146,366. \$45,538 has been pledged by parishioners to be paid in the future.

Christ Mission Appeal (2023-2024): \$57,738 was received. The surplus was applied to the Capital Campaign.

Christ Mission Appeal (2024-2025): Our goal this year is \$60,890. \$13,186 has been collected or pledged so far.

Christian Service Commission: John Walsh shared the following information from their meeting:

- \*Food Outreach Initiative - A food truck will be in the church parking lot on Saturday, November 16th from 1 to 3pm - 24 volunteers have signed up to distribute food.
- \*Welcome to Our Parish Initiative - possible ideas are - greeters at the door with name tags (volunteers to be recruited), a welcome prayer card being developed for visitors (to start the first weekend of Advent), a Welcoming Committee is to be developed
- \*Food Pantry Initiative - Watch the bulletin for an announcement regarding a new program to assist homebound parishioners with their food needs.
- \*Thanksgiving Food Boxes - Thirty-five food boxes are being developed with the support of Ric's Food Center. The food box will include a turkey and the fixings. Turkeys will come on November 22nd as part of the United Way distribution. Volunteers will assemble the food boxes for distribution to the food pantry guests prior to Thanksgiving.

Worship Commission: There will be one Mass on All Saints Day. Deacon Todd is coordinating with other parishes for service times to provide parishioners several options. The bulletin will have services listed at neighboring parishes.

Y.E.S. - Youth Service Encounter: We have been asked to provide lodging for this event. They would sleep and eat at SVDP. The high school volunteers may volunteer at a soup kitchen, rewire a house, paint, etc. The event starts on June 16th. They will be here for a week. John Walsh made a motion to approve hosting the volunteers and chaperones, Jackie Loomis seconded. Motion passed. Local students can participate as well.

# ***DRAFT* - St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

Emmaus Walk: Deacon Todd and 4 youth walked around Island Park, visited the Painted Turtle and enjoyed pizza at Pisanello's Pizza.

## **Old Business:**

Golf Outing - Outdoor Mass - Picnic - September 7th & 8th (Recap): It was agreed that it was a good idea to move Mass indoors. The number of kitchen help volunteers was down from last year. Overall, everyone felt that it was a very successful weekend.

Mass to Mission (Recap): John stated that this is an incredible program. Participation was very low. There is a plan to do this again. Commentators need more information to lead this program. More details need to be shared with parishioners.

## **Future Business:**

\*5 year plan: We need to take a broad look at where we are going.

\*Holly Jolly Christmas Parade/Baked Potato Bar: The parade is December 4th. It was suggested to start the potato bar earlier so more people could participate before the parade. We will have a float in the parade. Parents are asked to walk with their children in the parade.

\*Advent: Marti Snyder suggested that we should have an age-appropriate Christmas movie in December. Marti will be looking into this.

## **Reflection On the Meeting:**

What did you find challenging?

- \*More communication
- \*More parishioner involvement
- \*Mass to Mission - needs to be advertised more and include more details
- \*More youth involvement
- \*Christ Mission Appeal - nervous about the goal

What did you find rewarding or life giving?

- \*Interaction, positive information shared, members voiced concerns
- \*Deacon Todd's comment regarding reconciliation
- \*Reports on other committees
- \*Knowing what is going on
- \*Amazing "little" parish we have with a "Big" heart
- \*It's awesome to see what we can do working together i.e. the Capital Campaign
- \*The meeting minutes will be shared via email with committee members. Once they are approved via email they will be inserted in the bulletin to share with parishioners. They will be formally approved at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Deacon Todd led the closing prayer. The meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jackie Loomis, Secretary*