

Pastoral Council Minutes—St. Vincent de Paul
August 18, 2009

Members present: Janice Gabrick, Rose Kahnke, Fr. Jack Long, Adrianna Matzke, Tom McMullen, Nancy Moorman, Norm Olafson, Marci Siers, Fr. Chue Vang. Members Absent: Ann Bergman, Dave Duffy, Don Ritter. Guests: Andrew Rem, Okey Anyanwu. Recorder: Dorothy Stevenson.

Prayer: Arianna led the Bible reading, and prayers for intentions followed. Janice will do the reading in September.

Administration: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Agenda Items:

- **Social Justice Program:** Okey Anyanwu joined the meeting and led the Council in a prayer for the success of the outreach campaign soon to be underway. He discussed the purpose of the campaign and distributed a list of the SVDP Social Justice Programs: Education, Life Issues, Advocacy, Multicultural Ministry, and Catholic Campaign for Human Development with a brief description of the various parts of each program and the issues they will address.

The kickoff for this year-long campaign will be the weekend of September 26 and 27. The first phase will include a series of gatherings with a view toward education on social justice issues. Okey feels the parish is doing a good job on the charity side now but would like to add more advocacy to that. The full schedule of events will be available in September. He asked for Council support and urged Council members to go through some of the programs which will be offered. At the end of the Campaign there will be a Service Sunday asking parishioners to participate and a closing celebration.

Discussion followed, and Marci asked Okey to let Council members know when and where their help is needed.

- **Strategic Planning/Transition Teams:** Nancy distributed a report on what the Transition Team has proposed for Council approval. She asked members to read it and come to the September meeting prepared to discuss it. Final approval of the documents by the Council is expected to be done by September 15, 2009.

A Town Hall meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 13 after the 11:00 am mass, but may be moved to September 22 or 23 or October 4 if it appears attendance would be better. These dates coincide with Religious Ed dates when parents would be here dropping off children

Decisions yet to be made: 1) Identify a common meeting night for the Council and the Commissions. It is likely to be the 3rd Tuesday of each month, with the Commissions meeting from 6-7 pm and the Council from 7-8:30 pm. 2) Finalize the Town Hall date. 3) Identify someone to follow up with the Leadership Development Team. (Tom agreed to do this.) 4) Think about the need for one Council member to volunteer for each commission.

Extensive discussion followed, particularly with respect to how members of the commissions and the council will be identified.

This will be an agenda item in September, and it is important that all members attend that meeting.

- **Pastoral Council Website:** The Website update has not been completed at this time.
- **Pastor's Report:** Fr. Jack Described the Regional Parishioner Meetings being held as a part of the Archdiocesan Planning Process, and urged Council members to attend one of the meetings if possible. A list of dates, times and locations was handed out. The Archdiocesan planning group expects to deliver a report to the Archbishop by December. Many important decisions which will affect the parishes will be made based on their report.

Norm reported that the Harvest Festival was a success, though it was shortened by the storm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.