

Pastoral Council Minutes—St. Vincent de Paul  
October 20, 2009

Members present: Ann Bergman, Dave Duffy, Janice Gabrick, Adriana Matzke, Nancy Moorman, Don Ritter, Marci Siers, Norm Olafson. Members absent: Rose Kahnke, Tom McMullen, Fr. Jack Long, Fr. Chue Vang. Recorder: Dorothy Stevenson.

**Prayer:** Ann led the Bible reading and prayers for intentions followed. Dave will do the reading in November.

**Administration:** The minutes of the September meeting were corrected to show that the October meeting would be at 7:00 pm rather than 7:30, and were approved as corrected.

**Agenda Items:**

- **Strategic Planning/Transition to Pastoral Council:** Nancy reported that the Leadership Development Team has been meeting and is working on a leadership manual. She said this team will be a good fit to work with the Communications Team.
- **Parish Celebration Review:** It was felt that the meeting went well, and discussion followed on questions that had been raised at the meeting—such as Tuesday for the common meeting night, how leaders will be selected, etc. Tuesday will stay as the common meeting night. The Communications Team will be charged with keeping parishioners fully informed and engaging them in the process. Additional town hall meetings, though not now planned, could be scheduled if it seems advisable. Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock masses or after the 11 o'clock mass seems logical for parish meetings.
- **Commissions Committees:** The Council's responsibility in this regard and the importance of getting planning started was discussed. It was stressed that Council members should be talking to people and recruiting those who would seem to be good candidates. Also, since a Counsel member will be on each commission, all should be thinking about what area would best suit them. Janice expressed interest in the Social Justice Commission.
- **Communication Team ;** The importance of forming the Communication Team quickly was also discussed. It will be active in the planning process and in keeping parishioners updated. Ann volunteered to take the lead in forming the Communication Team; Adriana will help, as will Marcie. Nancy will also give Ann the names of two people who have worked on the Transition Team and who would be helpful in this role.
- Ann raised the question of whether a staff member will be part of the Communication Team or just a resource. Discussion followed, and Norm will raise the question of staff involvement at the next staff meeting. He did suggest Jean Landman would be a good possibility for Communications.
- Don is resigning from the Council and has recommended Andrew Rem as his replacement because of his knowledge of the Strategic Planning project. Andrew appears to be interested in the appointment, and Fr. Jack has agreed that he would be a good choice. The Council could make such a recommendation to Fr. Jack.
- **Pastoral Council Retreat Review:** There was agreement that Heide Busse was an excellent leader, and Janice said that since Heide is so busy, she would have to be engaged in January or February if she is wanted for next year. Members do like the site, but felt that the food this year was not up to par, and that a large fan was an annoyance which should be addressed.
- **Donut Sunday Review:** Council members had very little help at the Donut Sunday for which they volunteered, and while members think it is good exposure for the Council to assist, they feel they should not be solely responsible. It was also suggested that there be hand sanitizer available. This sort of event is something that a sub-committee of the Parish Life Commission will handle in the future.
- **Agenda Items for November:** 1) e-mail update, 2) decision on putting the entire minutes on the website, 3) update on the Communication Team, 4) caroling at Christmas.
- **Pastor's Report:** In Fr. Jack's absence, there was no Report.

Don was thanked for his service on the Council, as was Marci for her work on the Parish Celebration.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

