

Pastoral Council Minutes—St. Vincent de Paul
November 17, 2009

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

Prayer: Dave led the Bible reading, and prayers for intentions followed.

Administration: 1) The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written, and 2) Marci announced that Andrew Rem has accepted appointment to the Council and will be attending the January meeting.

Agenda Items:

- **Communications Committee:** Ann gave an update on the Communications Committee. Adriana and Marci are members of the committee and she has identified two more possible members. Jean Landman is the staff person. Ann reported that the Committee has had its first meeting and that several ideas were proposed as to how best inform parishioners about the mission and vision statements, core values, leadership development, etc. Among the suggestions were: 1) the development of an informative “Know, Love, and Serve” brochure which would be available at the Welcome Desk; 2) provide a nicely framed copy of the mission statement for each meeting room; 3) bring the website up to date and make it more informative; 4) put sandwich signs showing the mission statement outside on the lawn before masses; 4) add the mission statement to the letterhead, etc. No signs would be used in the gathering area. Norm mentioned that a crew will be filming a short video on the parish which will appear on the “Churches in Maple Grove” website.

The Council approved of both the outdoor signs and the development and initial printing of 200 brochures for the Welcome Desk. The Committee will continue to meet and bring their suggestions to the Council.

- **Council Communications:** Marci raised the question of how to improve the Council’s interactions with parishioners and after discussion it was decided that: 1) **Website**—Individual photos of Council members will be posted, as well as the minutes of Council meetings once they have been approved; 2) **Kiosk**—Ann will work on improving the Council’s display and will talk to Kathleen about displaying it 3) **Donut Sunday Attendance**—no one attended the October event, but Ann expects to attend the November date, and members were urged to attend when possible and mingle with people; **Wearing Name Tags**—Marci reminded everyone to wear name tags when they attend mass to make the Council more visible.

Marci feels the Council should have a written statement concerning communication with parishioners and will write up something to discuss at the January meeting.

- **Caroling Event:** The problems encountered last year were discussed, as was the question of whether the event should be repeated. It was decided that Marci will talk to Okey to see whether he has any programs planned in which the Council might join, and will email members with what she learns.
- **Blast email:** There was no real discussion in this regard.
- **Agenda Items for January:** A decision should be made in January about when the discernment process should begin.
- **Pastor’s Report:** Fr. Jack reported that the auction for Webber family was very successful.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 19, 2010.

