

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

Members Present: Ann Bergman, David Duffy, Janice Gabrick, Rose Kahnke, Fr. Long, Adrianna Matzke, Tom McMullen, Norm Olafson, Don Ritter, Marcie Siers, Fr. Wehmann.  
Member absent: Nancy Moorman. Recorder: Dorothy Stevenson.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **Prayer:** Dave led the Bible reading, and prayers for intentions followed. Rose will do the reading at the April meeting.
2. **February Minutes:** The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.
3. **Strategic Planning Town hall Meetings:** Norm handed out material showing the changes made by the Interim Committee as a result of the meetings for the Council's consideration. Discussion followed, and several suggestions for further changes were made. Norm recorded the remarks and will take them back to the committee for further work. A revised draft will be furnished to the Council. Changes are also being made to the Mission and Vision Statements, and those drafts will also be presented to the Council for consideration. Norm mentioned that the Transition Team will meet March 31. Rose, Tom, Dave, and Nancy are members, along with Norm and Jerry. The project is expected to be completed by June.
4. **Pastoral Council Visibility:** There was general discussion about how the Council and its functions could be made more visible to parishioners; how to encourage them to contact Council members with questions, etc. The newsletter, parish website, Welcome Desk, space in the kiosk, a display board at Coffee Sundays and at school functions and a new picture of the Council each year on the website were possibilities that were mentioned. Ann will talk to Kathleen about a space in the Kiosk and about having a poster board at Coffee Sundays. Tom will put a report in the bulletin after each meeting.
5. **Parishioners to Parishioner communication:** Ann raised the issue of bringing people more into parish life, and there was general discussion of strategies which could be tried. However, since this will be an agenda item for the Transition Team, it was set aside.
6. **Pastoral Council Retreat Update:** Space has been booked at St. Therese for September 26. A retreat master has not been determined as yet. Fr. Jack suggested that good preparation for the retreat would include reading the letters of St. Paul.
7. **Agenda Items for Next Month:** (a) A report from the Transition Team. (b) Marci would like everyone to start a folder for Council matters. Three-ring binders will be available at the next meeting for that purpose. Marci will also have material ready to start the folders, and envisions their being passed on to new members as they come on board. (d) Ann will be checking on the possibility of setting up a parish email which could be used for reminders, announcements, etc. to people who sign up for it, and will report next month. She will also report on how many hits the Council website gets and on getting the kiosk updated. Tom suggested that it would be helpful for Dave to attend the agenda-setting meeting, and Dave and Marci agreed. Also, since Dave will be out of town for the next meeting, he will try to participate through a conference call.
8. **Pastor's report:** (a) Fr. Jack reported that the parish will not be buying the land north of the church at this time. Bishop Nienstadt feels it would not be advisable to increase our debt in this economy. (b) We can expect minor changes in some prayers and music at masses.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 17, 2009 @ 7 PM**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Reading/Prayer/Intentions. Dave 7:00 – 7:15 PM
  - 2 Review meeting minutes from February. All 7:15
  - 3 Strategic Planning Townhall Meetings – share council member responses.  
Nancy and All 7:15- 7:35 PM
  - 4 Pastoral Council visibility at SVP. What do we do now and explore new ideas. Ann and all. 7:35 – 7:50 PM
  - 5 Parishioner to parishioner communication. How do people meet others now and explore new ways for people to meet others at SVP. Marci and all.  
7:50 – 8:10 PM
  - 6 Pastoral Council Retreat update. Janice. 8:10 – 8: 15 PM
  - 7 Agenda items for next month's meeting. All 8:15- 8:20 PM
  - 8 Pastor's report. Fr. Jack. 8:20 – 8:25 PM
- Closing prayer. 8:25 PM

\* Please try to think ahead about your townhall response, ways to improve Pastoral council visibility and parishioner communication in order to facilitate a good discussion. Thanks, Marci

## Dorothy Stevenson

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**Subject:** Kathleen O'Hara update

As you can imagine the school year is flying by. The Lenten prayer services continue for the students and staff... today the 7th grade is leading the Stations of the Cross. Kathleen attended Law Day this past Friday along with other St. VDP staff members and staff from around the Archdiocese. The Drama Club did a great job of performing the Wizard of Oz Saturday night to a sold out crowd at the Lyric Arts studio in Anoka. They will have an encore performance at school on Friday, March 27 at 12:30pm. The big event coming up is the Auction for Education to be held this Saturday night, March 21st in Regan Hall. They are very hopeful for a successful event. Tickets for the event and for the various raffles are selling well. The theme is the 1980s, and I for one am very much looking forward to it. Last night I dug out my old prom and bridesmaid dresses from the 80s and have put together quite a costume! The school will be on Easter/Spring break the week leading up to Easter.

As always, Kathleen sends her thanks to the Pastoral Council for the continued support of the school.

See you tomorrow night!

Ann Bergmann

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*The following are very early proposed revisions, not confirmed either by the Mission/Vision sub-team or the SPTG as a whole.*

### Mission

Know and celebrate our Catholic Faith  
Love God and our neighbor  
Serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Vision

*We envision a Catholic Community . . .*

*Where all are welcomed to share in God's Word.*

*Where we challenge ourselves to become more active in our parish, more knowledgeable ~~stronger~~ in our Catholic faith, and more confident in spreading God's Word, ~~and deeper in our Love for Christ.~~*

*Where we humbly seek to become more like Christ, lovingly care for our parishioners from conception to death, and eagerly give service to our community.*

*Where we respectfully give praise in worship, joyously share in fellowship, and grow deeper in our Love for Christ ~~and are dedicated to providing a solid faith foundation for our youth.~~*

*Where God is given the first of our fruits ~~in time, talent and treasure~~, is loved above all else ~~in our lives~~, and praised in all things.*

*Amen*