

Pastoral Council Minutes—St. Vincent de Paul
January 19, 2010

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

Prayer: Tom led the Bible reading and prayers for intentions followed. Janice will do the reading at the February meeting.

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

Agenda Items:

Welcome Aboard: New member Andrew Rem was welcomed to the Council.

Council Member Folders: Marci gave a brief rundown of what should be in each member's folder and stressed the importance of keeping the folders up to date. Suggested additions for the folders included a list of the duties of council members and job descriptions for the commissions.

Parish Blast emails: The system is in place but no decision has yet been made on exactly how to use it. Discussion followed on identifying those parishioners who would welcome emails and those who would not, what use of the system would be most beneficial, and the necessity for discretion in using it.

Parish Leadership Selection Process:

a) Ann displayed a copy of the mission statement which Adriana had framed and which will be placed in the meeting rooms, office entry, etc. Norm will have them hung as soon as a decision is made on exactly where they should be placed.

b) She also handed out an updated timeline for the discernment process, and pointed out suggested changes from previous drafts for Council approval as follows: Information nights will be Sunday March 21 and Tuesday, March 23; Prayer Discernment and Commitment Night will be changed to Tuesday, May 11 (only one night). The words "fix the parish" in the opening paragraph of the document were discussed, and Ann agreed that while the words were probably all right in this instance, they should not be used in other material. **The document and all changes were approved by consensus.**

c) Ann also handed out a copy of the Ministry Minute which will be read with the announcements at the end of all masses this coming weekend, and will confirm with Gloria that it will be included. She will check with Kim to be sure that Regan Hall is reserved for all scheduled dates, including the 3rd Tuesday of each meeting month throughout the year. She will also get all pertinent information to Gloria and Jean. Information packets will be needed at the tables after masses, and Ann and Janice will work on putting them together. It was stressed that adequate staffing by Council members is vital at all masses, and members volunteered to handle this.

Nomination Process: Marci mentioned that three members will be leaving the Council this spring, and it was clarified that this year Council members will not come from the commissions but will be identified in the usual way. However, nominations for Council members should be encouraged along with those for commission members, and information on the goals and duties of the Council should be included in the information packets. Nancy will see that the form will allow nominations for both the Council and the commissions. Prospective new Council members will also be involved in the Leadership Prayer Discernment and Commitment Night.

Marci distributed a document she had put together on the purpose and function of the Council which, with the addition of a position description and goals, could be included in Council folders and also possibly be used in the information packets.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Jack reported that the parish has exchanged residential property (the Gorman property east of the Rectory) that it has owned for extinguishment of an easement attached to Church land, plus an option-to-buy on the land north of the church.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 16, 2010

