

Pastoral Council Minutes—St. Vincent de Paul
April 20, 2010

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

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

Administration: The minutes of the March meeting were adopted.

Agenda Items:

Information Nights:

There was a general feeling that the sessions were well-organized and went well. It was estimated that approximately fifty people attended each night.

Discernment Process Update:

Andrew discussed actions which must be taken for the May 11 discernment night:

- a) Fr. Jack's approval is needed for the prayer service on May 11, and the format for it must be set. Music and a presider will be needed. Marci will talk to either Fr. Chue or Deacon Curtan about this since Fr. Jack will not be available, and will also arrange for music. The prayer service will start at 6:30 pm in the church and all will move to Regan Hall to start discernment at 7:00 pm. Rooms have been reserved. Discernment will end at 9:00 pm, and any commission still needing work can set up further meetings to complete their process.
- b) Approval is needed to bring in Jerry Roth to train facilitators whom Jerry thinks should come from the Council and LDT. To date, Jim Benson from LDT, Nancy Moorman and Andrew have volunteered as facilitators. Tom agreed to join them. Nancy will work on setting a date for training. One more facilitator is needed.
- c) He asked that a prayer petition for those discerning be added at masses over the next couple weeks. Marci will talk to Steve about this.
- d) The approximately fifty people who have not definitely committed to discernment will be called to determine their intentions.
- e) The LDT will work to develop and implement training for commissions over the summer, and Andrew asked for members' ideas on what should be included in the training. The handbook for commissions has been reviewed by the council and revisions have been completed. Discussion followed on whether training should begin immediately or whether a short break with training beginning in August would be advisable.

Marci announced that Rose Kahnke has resigned as of now, and that Adriana, Tom, Dave and she, Marci, will be ending their terms. Thus there will be four openings for the Council this year. Dave wishes to continue and will be one of the four being discerned

It was decided that there would be no prayer service in the weeks preceding discernment night. It was suggested that instead, perhaps people could be invited to attend a daily mass or just stop in the chapel for reflection.

Council Communication:

Marci handed out updates for the council binders and a revised index as well as some communication guidelines. In the future it might be wise to create a subcommittee to develop further guidelines, but this is a beginning.

Pastoral Council Fall Retreat:

Dave reported by email that he has reserved the room at St. Teresa's for Saturday September 11 from 7:30 to 2:00, and asked if there were any food preferences. Adriana reported that she has talked to Jackie Witter about being the presenter. The concept of "discipleship" as a theme was suggested, and Adriana will discuss that with her. She and Dave will continue to handle arrangements.

Pastor's Report:

- a) Fr. Jack reported that the Auction for Education was very successful and raised \$115,000.
- b) He said that the parish has received several requests to have benefits here for people who are ill or in trouble, but we do not have a policy of free use of our facilities for that purpose, nor do we allow tickets

to be sold after masses. We will, however, give a donation.

c) A change in how first communions are handled is under consideration for next year. The plan would be to celebrate these special days at four regular Sunday masses so that families could participate together.

d) In September Larry Lawinger will be ordained a deacon.

There being no further business, the meeting ended with a prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2010