

Pastoral Council Minutes – St. Vincent de Paul
September 21, 2010

Members Present: Ann Bergman, Mark Curwick, Ann Fauteck, Janice Gabrick, Ryan Kaplan, Tom McMullen, Nancy Moorman, Andrew Rem, Fr. Jack Long, Fr. Chue Vang, Norm Olafson and Tim Phenow. Recorder: Janet Ardolf

Agenda Items:

1. Council reviewed and approved minutes of 8-17-10.
2. **Land Purchase Review**
 - Norm reported on that a decision needs to be made on the purchase of the 10 acre easement in back of the church.
 - St. Vincent's traded the house and easement for the right to purchase the property for \$3.2 Million.
 - St. Vincent has a current debt of \$1.5 Million, at 5 ¾% for 7 years. Last year the bank would have financed \$2.2 Million by extending the debt and keeping the same payment. Now the Archdiocese requires half in Cash and half in Pledges.
 - Father Jack suggested we determine if the purchase of the property was a need or a want. Are there other businesses interested in purchasing the property? Do we have a compelling reason to purchase the property?
 - It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed to explore possibilities regarding purchase of the property. Individuals interested in working on this sub-committee should talk to Norm. Additional members of this sub-committee would include the trustees, as well as a member from the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Norm would lead the group.
3. **Discernment Manual**
 - Andrew handed out the Discernment Feedback as well as Summary timeline and Summary process. Andrew shared that the Manual follows same format with work that was completed last year.
 - Andrew recommended that the manual be entirely electronic to facilitate ease of updates in the future. Currently there are some items in hard copy, some in word document, some power point. It was suggested this could be a project for LDT to clean this up, by putting as much as possible in the same workable format, for example Word.
 - Andrew is in the process of creating a To Do List such as when is Information night, Discernment Night etc. The goal would be to put everything on a calendar and have it completed by January. It was suggested that a date for Discernment Night be established and work backward from there. The liturgical calendar could be obtained from Steve Barnhart and they would work with the Leadership Team to hammer out the dates. Father Jack suggested Feb 20th or March 2nd for Information Night.
4. **LDT Update**
 - Nancy reported on the LDT meeting. Jim Benson led the fall orientation which began with goal setting and communication.

- Molly Schorr will lead the training session on 10-19 which will be provided to the Commissions before their regular meeting session. Training time will take about 10-15 minutes prior to the meeting. Next meeting, Molly will spend about 5 minutes on Consensus Building.
- Father Jack suggested that a timekeeper was needed during the Commission Meeting to keep things moving. Father also suggested going green and using real plates and silverware rather than paper and plastic. Ann liked the dinner format.
- Order of the meeting would be the call to prayer, gospel, petitions, prayer and then the meal. Janice will lead prayer for October Commissions meeting.
- Group agreed upon a mid year retreat and are looking at a tentative date of March 1st which is a Tuesday. Same routine, with dinner and 2 hour meeting following.
- Nancy thought it would be a good idea if the LDT could get an Agenda from each of the Commissions. The Commissions could send their Agenda to Nancy to distribute.

5. Sub-Goals 2010/2011 Year

- Andrew provided the proposed sub-goals for the OAG with Communication as the Overarching Goal for 2010/2011.
- Two sub-goals have been proposed: one of Leadership and the other, Engaging Parishioners
- Father Jack wants the goal measurable
- Norm suggested that baselines be established for different ways we currently communicate, number of volunteers, Mass attendance and other such core stats available. Then going forward, success could be measured off baseline established.
- Final decision for sub-goal was tabled till Oct. 19 meeting.

6. Pastors Update

- Father Chue suggested that the commission meetings begin with a song.

7. Closing Prayer was led by Tom Mullen

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm