

Pastoral Council Minutes – St. Vincent de Paul
January 18, 2011

Members Present: Ann Bergman, Mark Curwick, Ann Fauteck, Janice Gabrick, Tom McMullen, Fr. Jack Long, Norm Olafson. Jim Volp Trustee, Tim Phenow, Trustee Recorder: Janet Ardolf

Agenda Items:

1. Council reviewed and approved minutes of 11-16-10
2. Andrew announced that Nancy Moorman has resigned her position with the Leadership Development Committee and the Pastoral Council.
3. **Discernment Night Planning – Ann Reported on Discernment**
 - Andrew summarized Discernment Night planning as follows.
 - Dates for Discernment Planning were finalized as follows:
 - 02-20-11 Kick Off from Pulpit – Sign up Table
 - 02-27-11 Nominations/Sign Up Table
 - 03-06-11 Announcement
 - 03-13-11 Information Night
 - 03-15-11 Everyone invited to attend Commission Meetings
 - 03-22-11 Second Information Night
 - 04-13-11 Discernment Night

At the Lenten Dinner candidates would have the opportunity for Q&A. At least one individual from each commission would be available for the Q & A. It was also suggested a spiritual leader be available to assist with spiritual direction for the candidates. It was recommended that Jean Thorenston be that person. She could give an overview and then be the point person for individuals to call.

Mechanics: Candidates would be given information in letter and then during Lenten Dinner, candidates could visit with designated Commission Members and contact to answer candidate's questions. The spiritual counselor would have a defined role, with individual key points. She would be speaking to the candidates on Discernment and Information night. She could also be the point person for candidates to call with additional questions. There would be an invitation to Stations of the Cross. Dates agreed upon were March 25th and April 8 Council agreed to meet one more time to confirm information around Discernment Night.

4. **Commission/Pastoral Council Spirituality**

- Council approved to start meeting at 5:45 to 6:15 PM for meal and 6:15-6:30Pm for Prayer time.

5. Review of Commission Feedback

- Norm suggested that commissions needing funding should bring those budgets forwarded. On February 8th, plans would be reviewed and the commission budgets can be reviewed at that time. Norm would like to attend that meeting.
- Discussion on Communications was tabled.

6. Pastors Report.

- CSA on March 6th, there will be a Video
- February, Bishop Piche will be at St. Vincent's for Mass
- Archbishop would like to assign Father Jack to the Board. Father Jack is in Discernment to the position and Archbishop will make decision in February.
- Father Jack gave all Pastoral members the Book Rediscover Catholicism which he is recommending to everyone to read.
- Questioned whether Parish was spending a lot for snow removal. Per Norm, not that much in comparison to the amount of snow. Work is not under contract.

7. Closing Prayer was led by Father Jack

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm