



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Pastoral Council Minutes

February 20, 2018

6:00 pm

In Attendance:

**Staff :** Msgr. David LeSieur, Pastor, Fr. Martin Siebold, Associate Pastor, Dc Ronnie Hoyt, Parish Manager, Tom DeRose, Facilities Manager, Sandra Kugler, Director of Finance & Admin., Karen Peters, Adult Formation Coordinator, Suzie Perry, Liturgy Coordinator, Alice Stautzenberger, SVdP School Principal

**Members-At-Large:** Kerry Laman, Vice President, Pete Metzger, Jose Rueda, Kaleigh Green Hall

**Commission Chair:** Annette Echevarria, Co-L&W, Sheila Pursell, Social Outreach (Secretary), Maira Covarribias, Co-Formation, Bob Maloney, Parish Life

Minutes from last meeting approved electronically.

### Finance & Administration

February income \$153,458 & expenses \$178,345 = ~~-\$24,888~~

YTD income \$1,571,250 & expenses \$1,321,242 = **\$250,008**

AC project in the Hall is almost complete. It will cost approximately \$43,000, which will come out of our maintenance reserve.

### Capital Campaign Report

Rob Brothers, Capital Campaign Coordinator, presented an update on campaign efforts. Coordinators for both Spanish and English have been established. Rob Brothers and Msgr. David received a very positive response in their efforts to personally reach out to individual parishioners asking for their assistance in the capital campaign. Consultants have suggested that it is best to ask for specific amounts. The pledge period is for 3 years.

Letters to cabinet members have been sent out. Training is scheduled for March with additional gift committee members recruited. Training for the gift committee will be in April. The campaign will officially kick-off the weekend of April 7-8 will letters sent to all none cabinet/committee parish family on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have the campaign efforts wrapped up by June 16-17.

### School Reports and Liturgy & Worship

Due to inclement weather, meetings/events for both the Ozark Catholic Academy High School and Liturgy & Worship were postponed. Reports will be submitted later.

SVdP School is having their annual "A Knight to Remember Gala" fundraiser Saturday, February 25. Auction items include dinner with Msgr. David, a lab puppy and tickets to see Justin Timberlake.

### Formation

Karen Peters reported that the Parish Mission is scheduled for February 23-26. February 23 & 24 in Spanish and February 25 & 26 in English. There will be a Mass and Adoration as part of mission in Spanish. Sunday

evening dinner will be provided. Since SVdP only hosts a parish-wide mission every other year, everyone one is encourage to attend and be spiritually nourished.

The new Formed.org app has 412 parishioners currently registered. The parish is also integrating material on this web site for Adult Formation classes. Audios and videos are most popular with our parishioners.

Rite of Election – Thirty-two catechumens from St. Vincent who will be coming in at the church at the Easter Vigil. Approximately 275 children will receive First Communion and 225 will be confirmed.

### **Parish Life**

Bob Maloney reported that \$4,000 was raised during Mornings with Msgr - That Man Is You for the seminarians or other causes.

The Knights of Columbus are also raising money through the Lenten Fish Fries to purchase a stork bus. The bus is a Pregnancy resource center with free sonograms available. Four out of five abortion-minded women will choose life for their baby if they have seen the sonogram. The bus will be used throughout the state of Arkansas. The first fish fry had 125 people in attendance. Second fish fry scheduled for March 9.

Welcome committee was pleased with the turnout they had with special greeters and donuts available for newcomers after Mass on January 14. The next “meet and greet” is scheduled for the weekend of April 15.

Theatre ministry will have a Passion Play on Good Friday, March 30 at 4:30pm (English) and 6:00pm (Spanish)

### **Social Outreach**

Food Pantry – Seeking grant for 50,000 to be finalized in May. Installing new registration/computer system. For 2017 served 43,000 individuals, over 10,000 families. All this is accomplish with approximately 50 volunteers.

Helping Hands – No service days since last Council meeting. Next days scheduled for March 17, July 7 (tentative), and October 27. March 17, 12pm – 4pm. Always need men in the back from 10am – 12pm to help with unloading and giving receipts. This is a great father and son opportunity to serve! May have trouble with volunteers, as March 17 is the beginning of spring break.

Caregivers/Bereavement Ministry – We are continuing our study on “Grief” with books from Stephen’s Ministry. For our meeting in March, we are going to be doing the “Stations of the Cross of Mary”. Our group size remains around 12 people.

Haiti Ministry – Annual appeal is the weekend of March 3 – 4. Annual trip is scheduled for March 21 – 26.

### SVdP Society

Spanish calls 96, homeless calls 34, rent requests 95, out of area calls 103, utilities requests 252, food requests 34, all other calls 228, Total calls = 842 for the period of April 1 to December 31, 2017.

Respect Life – \*Rachel Ministry – Catherine Phillips, Saturday, December 2, 9am – 5pm. Nine women in attendance.

\*March for Life – 500 people, great coverage, many non-Catholics

\*Onehourwithme.com instead of 40 Days for life - Cards at Loving Choices banquet, slow sign-ups. Loving Choices sonogram bus on Fridays – soon. Ecumenical leader gathering.

\*Assistance to Jerry Cox, Family Life Director in Little Rock

\*POLST project.

8<sup>th</sup> Street Ministry Meet and Eat – There are 8 different groups at St. Vincent that work with other local churches in coordinating meals and services for the local area poor and vulnerable. This ministry started two years ago with the following results:

- No child has died of abuse or been sexually abused since we have been there (that's why CAC called us to help them due to the # of assaults at this motel)
- Moved 10 families out of homelessness along with providing 2 mentors (for most of the families)
- 83 individuals have received EMERGENCY rent money at motels to prevent homelessness (we don't give cash-we pay the rent ourselves)
- Vehicles donated to homeless families
- 3 Realtors/investors willing to work with us (ignore credit score and some other things)
- Rogers School Nutrition Dept. x 2 summers provide free food for children at motel (food truck) and discounted food for the adults
- During a 2 week gap in the summer food program, we provided food every day for every resident
- Free scholarships for children to attend Camp War Eagle
- Back to school Bash (this last year) all the kids received complete new outfits and new school supplies, haircuts and a meal
- Christmas (x 2 years) complete outfits for all children and gifts (nice ones- what they asked for)
- 100 Hot delicious meals every Thursday night approximately 8,000 meals
- Well over 30 community partners (11 consistent churches, several business and nonprofits)
- 5-7 Consistent social advocates at the motel every Thursday to assist families
- Expansion of motel ministry into Bentonville at the Home Towne Suites starting consistently January 2018! Volunteers have put in over 1000 hours of service providing the food
- We have provided bus tickets to help people get home to families
- We have paid for storage costs so families won't lose their belongings
- Bicycles have been provided to men who are unable to drive
- Over 70 crock pots were provided to help people cook in their rooms
- We've provided free haircuts several times in this last year to those who need it.
- Hundreds of rolls of toilet paper, and thousands of toiletry items have been donated
- We have fully furnished five homes.
- We have cleaned and painted those homes.
- We've bought over a 100 pairs of shoes for the poor
- High end leather work gloves were provided for men who live and work outside
- Hark Services was introduced this year at the motel.

\*Elden and Dean passed out awards to the groups who had consistently contributed over the course of two years.

\*Sister Lisa asked for a vote of those present to see how we want to proceed. The group voted to continue another year to support 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

\*The local police department has reported that crime in the 8<sup>th</sup> street area has dropped dramatically since the ministry started.

The Pastoral Council concluded with watching a video on the St. John's Bible. First time Bible has been hand written in English with illuminations. This Bible will be in the lobby of Mercy Hospital mid-March for 6 weeks. Schedule of time of Bible page turning will be distributed.

Next Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Fr. Martin closed with prayer at 7:35pm