



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Council Minutes
November 14, 2017 6:00pm

In Attendance:

Staff: Msgr. David LeSieur-Pastor, Fr. Balaraju-Associate Pastor, Dc Ronnie Hoyt-Parish Manager, Tom DeRose, Facilities Manager, Sandra Kugler-Dir. of Finance & Admin., Karen Peters-Adult Formation Coordinator, Suzie Perry-Liturgy Coordinator,

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

Commission Chair: Annette Echevarria-Co-L&W, Ken Hunter-Co-Formation, Lorenzo Salas-Co-Formation, Sheila Pursell-Social Outreach (Secretary), Jeff Snyder, F&A, Maira Covarrubias, Bob Maloney, Parish Life

Fr. Balaraju opened with prayer at 6:05pm

New members: Jose Rueda, Kaleigh Green Hall and Maria Covarrubias introduced themselves and their ministries.

Minutes from last meeting approved electronically.

Building Committee – Kevin Carter and Don Spann summarized the study and review of parish needs during the last 2 ½ years by the Committee for the Future. Also, Rob Brothers is Chairman of our Capital Campaign. They shared floor and building plan, priority list of needs, meld this with what resources we have available. Interviewed 3 companies and selected the Steier Group to conduct a funding feasibility study. As of last night, 69 interviews with families of the parish, 17 more scheduled. 543 paper surveys have been completed. It was emphasized that a firm decision has not been made for the new building – it will depend on results of survey and if a firm commitment for financial pledges can be obtained.

Diocesan requires a commitment of pledges or cash in hand that is 80% of cost of the project. There must be a sacrificial commitment from parishioners in order for this to go forward.

The Steier Group will give results of survey to Building Committee on Tuesday, 11/28.

If results of the study were favorable and we can in fact expect to raise the necessary funds in a successful capital campaign, construction could begin as early as next summer.

School Report

Things going well both financially and in terms of enrollment. Current outside focus of school is service. The 8th graders and their parents will serve in Homeless at 8th Street Motel on December 14th.

The school will hold a scholarship drive on Giving Tuesday- November 28th. We have a matching fund donation up to \$15,000.

1/28/18 – Catholic Schools week begins and an open house is planned.

2/24/18 - The annual fundraiser for the school. The name of fundraiser has been changed from Tapa's n Tini's to a Knight to Remember.

Ryan James reported that the open house for the new Ozark Catholic High School went even better than anticipated as 250-300 people attended. The fundraising project for the High School is "The Journey Begins."

Finance & Administration

For safety reasons, we will be placing temper-resisted film on windows for both school and parish.

Also, the safety fence installation was completed last month.

There is a need to replace the heating and air system in Paul Hall. Preliminary cost estimate is \$45,000.

The St. Vincent de Paul Festival brought in record income - \$29,300. Expenses totaled \$9,800. Donations of water, drinks and prizes really helped keep expenses down. Net profit of \$19,500. Distribution to ministries through grant awards occurred in November 2017 and will be awarded again in May 2018.

Current operations are \$90,000 in the black. As of the end of October, our outstanding building debit was \$220,000.

Formation

The diocese is promoting a new web site – available also with an app – called Formed.org.

There is a digital library, videos, conferences, etc. It has been dubbed the "Catholic Netflix". SVdP has purchased on-line subscription so it will be free for parishioners.

Parish Mission is scheduled for 2/23-2/26/18 (2/23 & 2/24 in Spanish & 2/25 & 2/26 in English). Detail decisions are being made for the mission. Seeking high participation as all ministries are encouraged not to schedule during this time.

V Encuentro – Reaching out and evangelizing to the community. A recommendation was made by Monsignor to invite the community to the Parish mission.

Life Teen is once again sponsoring the Love Tree program. Envelopes will be on tree starting in mid-November.. Currently conducting home visit for potential recipients.

SVDP is working with Religious Alliance to combat pornography and its impact on youth. A presentation will be held at our church in November for all parishioners.

Liturgy and Worship

December 8th Immaculate Conception. December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe. All were encouraged to attend as it is a huge undertaking with people planning and practicing dance for almost a year.

December 1 – 1st phase of Christmas decorations. December 19 - 2nd Phase of Christmas decorations

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Fourth Advent candle will be lit at morning Masses on 12/24. Following Spanish Noon Mass. Suzie Perry will put together a team for the final phase of decorating for Christmas.

Due to expanding ministry of the Sacred Heart and home enthronement, Jane and Joe Para are resigning from the homebound ministry in which they have served for many years. Kerry Laman said he will be responsible for arranging acknowledgement in gratitude to them. Monica Bray and Carolyn Johnson will be taking their place.

Parish Life – Most money ever made at the Parish Festival. As always, Jerry Kihn and Parish Staff did excellent job. God provided great weather and good food!

Newcomers' reception was held after 7:45am and 10:00am Masses. It is working much better in gathering space instead of cafeteria.

The Fall session of Mornings with Msgr. resumed in October and will continue to December 8th.

So far \$2,400 has been raised for the Seminarian fund.

Social Outreach

Caregivers Ministry – Has expanded to Bereavement and Grief Support. The 10-14 members are currently reading books given to them from Msgr. David.

Food Pantry – 6th graders at the school brought an abundance of gifts for the pantry. Currently preparing 60 – 70 Thanksgiving baskets. Pete Metzger was able to negotiate a great deal on turkeys - .18 per pound! Boy Scouts, Life Teen, and Heritage Girls are doing canned food drive to help fill the need.

SVdP Society – Funds raised totaled \$10,000+ from the Walk for the Poor. There are 3 English speaking teams are visiting between 75-80 families per month. One Spanish speaking team is visiting 25-30 families per month. As always, more volunteers are needed – especially Spanish speaking volunteers.

Helping Hands - Last workday of 11/4/17 had exceptional participation – 26 volunteers. Next workday has not yet been scheduled. John emphasized again that confirmation students must always call in advance to give Helping Hands time to prepare work.

Respect Life - **40 Days for Life** completed November 5. About the same size as last vigil with 320 people participating. We believe we had one couple turn around and go to Loving Choices to keep their baby. We are still not happy however, as Planned Parenthood abortion center is still open. Coordinating efforts with Diocesan Respect Life Director, Catherine Phillips for **Rachael Retreat** on Sat., 12/2. The retreat is for those suffering from a past abortion is scheduled for Sat. Seven people have currently registered. Distributed flyers for **March for Life, 1/21/18**

in Fayetteville and cards for new ecumenical outreach for prayer at abortion center,
Onehourwithme.com

Other

Deacon Ronnie also announced that 69 couples have been accepted into the next deaconate program. There are 11 couples from St. Vincent and 7 from St. Raphael. He also reported that he and his wife Sharon and several parishioners had the joy of attending a final profession of vows for Sister Maria Concepcion- formerly from St. Vincent de Paul parish. She currently serves in a religious community in Houston.

Our next parish council meeting will be February 20, 2018

Closed with prayer at 8:15pm