

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 7:00 pm

Location: Room B

Minutes: Francesca Brynski

Start time: 7:01

End time: 9:04

Present: Alice Schneider, Mark Dunkley, Lisa Samson, Jodi Kastner, Francesca Brynski, Kelly Kramer, Chuck Beckman, Chris Homan, Terry Callan, Jack Schwein, Toby Mattson, Jenny Powers, Father Jaspers, Father, Bishop, Susan Aloisio

Not Present: Bill Mountel

Invited guests: Bryan Caperton

Opening Prayer

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Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the June 2016 meeting minutes was made and seconded, and the June 2016 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

1. Welcome and introduction of new PPC members as well as returning PPC members- ***Alice Schneider, President***

Alice Schneider welcomed all members to the parish council meeting, and began with the introduction of new members, Athletic Commission, Lisa Samson, and Parish Council Recording Secretary, Francesca Brynski and asked them to introduce themselves. All other members who were present introduced themselves

2. Alice Schneider asked for comments on the Parish Council Constitution. There were no comments and no changes will be made to current state of constitution.
3. The status of the Business and Finance Constitution is currently being reviewed and the updates of the review will be addressed at the next upcoming meeting. Chuck Beckman stated he would review and provide an update of the commission's constitution.

4. A discussion regarding the Education Commission Constitution review of changes commenced and changes entail:
 - a) the meeting schedule for the Education Commission will change to every other month
 - b) the wording of Section IV, stating that a PTO member should not be on the PCC board will either be taken out completely or will be reworded to reflect that one can be a member of the PTO and a member of the Education Commission.
5. Alice Schneider asked Chuck Beckman of Building and Finance, Susan Aloisio of Worship, Lisa Samson of Athletics to ask their respective committees to review their own constitution.
6. Alice Schneider clarified that the May 24, 2017 meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of the month, not the typical 3rd Wednesday

Old Business

None

Commission Updates

1) Athletic Commission - *Lisa Samson.*

- a) Lisa stated that there had been an increase in the number of registered soccer players which resulted in the registration of 4 full team rosters. Lisa stated that this level of increase was indicative of increased involvement of new students with the athletic program. Lisa stated that due to 4 full rosters of players, there may be a need to purchase new uniforms to fulfill registration demands.
- b) Lisa then discussed a 5 year plan for improvements to revamp the gym space as well as entry into the gym space. Examples of possible improvement ideas included designing signs indicating where the gym is located, as persons coming from other schools have a difficult time finding the gym. Lisa also noted that the parish office hallways need to be updated as well as this is what guests see when they first walk into our gym space.
- c) Lisa stated that the Athletic commission donated \$10,000 to the new pre-school program.

2) Education Commission, *Kelly Kramer-*

- a) The education commission was given a grant to supply the property with security cameras, and cameras were placed accordingly for safety for the students and families for the beginning of this school year.
- b) Kelly stated that discussion had begun regarding a Full day preschool
- c) Kelly then reported that enrollment for the school is now 166 students with 52 new students, and 24 kindergarteners. Kelly stated that the “marketing paid off”. Kelly reported that every grade but the 8th grade had an increase in enrollment.
- d) Kelly reported that Bryan Caperton is taking over the “prep program”. His goal is to engage parents in religious participation and he discussed how programs for little children are currently lacking. Brian and the Education Commission are working together to reach goals of greater parish participation in religious participation. Kelly and Brian led a discussion regarding volunteer hours for confirmation candidates.

3) Festival updates- *Jodi Kastner and Jenny Powers*

- a) There are 4 weeks to go until the kick off of the SVF Festival, with Raffle tickets sale to still happen
- b) Jenny stated that the finalities for committees are now occurring
- c) Jenny and Jodi stated that there needs to be replacements found for Festival Chairperson and Co-Chairperson roles for next year.
- d) Jodi and Jenny then detailed new additions to the festival activities such as: pulled pork sandwich contest, corn hole tournaments, “segways” activities, the “Invincible Dancers” addition, which consists of a dance company, servicing under- resourced children and these children will be performing at the festival

4) Parish Life- *Chris Homan-*

- a) Chris began with a discussion that there is an overlap with Stewardship Commission, and there may be a need to combine the groups. The decision to combine was decided against as it was determined there is a need for both committees.

- b) There was an in depth discussion with all members of the council regarding different ways to pull in time, treasure, and talents from parish community.

5) Worship- *Susan Aloisio*-

- a) Susan stated that the meetings are every other month and there was no August meeting and therefore no report.
- b) Father Jaspers stated there is a 3 priest rotation, in the mass schedule, with a week to week rotation of Father Bishop, as he is present for mass at All Saints and SVF.
- c) Bryan Caperton, the leader/organizer of the Confirmation retreat, discussed his ideas for the retreat and what the retreat will entail for participants.

6) Stewardship Commission- *Susan Aloisio*

- a) Susan discussed the “4 Pillars of Catholic Stewardship”. Father Bishop asked about implementation for parish community learning, how to educate the parishioners as to what the pillars are, and providing an education on lifestyle application of the 4 pillars, with the ultimate goal of increasing parish membership and donation of their time, talent and treasure. The parish council will start formation on the hospitality pillar at the September meeting.
- b) Susan then discussed Stewardship Renewal, “Time, Talent, and Treasure”, and described the breakdown of the three upcoming weekends in October. The first weekend, Oct 2nd- will be the intro for Leadership, the second weekend of Oct 9th-Lay witness, Ministry Fair, and the third weekend, Oct 16th-Commitment Sunday- return Time, talent, treasure cards.
- c) The committee will be distributing commitment cards to students in school.
- d) Susan stated that her committee is still going through the results from the Parish Survey from January of 2015.

Building and Finance- *Chuck Beckman*

- a) Financials- ended year in black. Staff cuts and unexpectedly high refund from One Faith, One Hope program. Emphasis still needs to be placed on weekly collections.

- b) Post budget changes- increased enrollment will result in increased tuition/fees and staffing changes
- c) Sewer and parking lot repair completed
- d) Organ repairs have been adjusted in the budget
- e) Freezer purchased from Uncle Bens fund
- f) Additional kindergarten furniture needed
- g) New school entry door security camera system was funded by a grant
- h) Roofs- plan is to replace roofs over church portico, paint the portico, and replace roof over boiler room. We have bids from three vendors; repairs are anticipated and are covered in budget. Several roof repairs will be needed in coming years- This sparked a very in depth discussion of parish standing and how to appropriately cover expenses within the parish.
- i) Discussion on Capital improvement envelope- decision made to designate proceeds from the September capital improvement envelope for the anticipated roof repairs, and to explain in bulletin article.

7) Mustard Seed Committee- *Jodi Kastner-*

-No report

Following with motion to close meeting and closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04

Next meeting to be September 21, 2016 in the Library