

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 7:00 PM

Location: Room B

Minutes: Marianne Hird

Start time: 7:05 pm

End time: 9:30 pm

Present: Kathy Abele, Susan Aloisio, Ray Bauman, Tim Carter, Denny Connor, Eimee Donbar, Chris Homan, Bartley Jutze, Jodi Kastner, Kelly Kramer, Fr. George Kunkel, Toby Matson, Bill Mountel, Jennifer Powers, Kim Roy, Jack Schwein, Alice Schneider, Tom Shoop

Invited guests from the Cincinnati School Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Cindy Hardesty, Regional Director and Wayne Morse, Associate Director of School Strategic Planning

Opening Prayer and Approval of Minutes

Opening Prayer– *All*

The October 2015 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

1. Introduction and meeting with invited guests– *Fr. George*

Fr. George introduced Catholic School Office guests, Cindy Hardesty and Wayne Morse. Cindy and Wayne recently reviewed SVF School operations. In summary, they indicated the school is successfully functioning on a very lean budget. Subsequent to this information, Kathy Abele provided a summary of the parish's current financial status. Projections for the 2015-2016 fiscal year reveal an operating deficit. The floor was opened to the group at large for discussion and questions. The following proposals were discussed:

- A Steering Committee will be created to explore options with regard to the parish financial status. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, members of the Steering Committee were identified as follows:
 - Bill Mountel
 - Denny Connor
 - Fr. George
 - Susan Aloisio
 - Jodi Kastner.
 - Chris Homan
 - Kathy Abele
 - Nathan Wander
- Fr. George and several parishioners will discuss the parish financial status with parishioners at weekend Masses before the end of December.

The SVF Financial Reports and Pastoral Letter were previously provided to parishioners via the weekly bulletin in September and are available on the parish website, <http://svfchurch.org/Church/Publications/SVF-Ann-Financial-Reports>

2. Announcements – *Fr. George*

- SVF currently subscribes to FORMED, a new online Catholic Faith on Demand Program. Details will follow in the bulletin.
- Advent Wreath Making will be Sunday, NOV 29 at 12 noon in Hamilton Hall
- Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass times will be 8:30 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Catholic Ministry Appeal will be in January because of an early Easter

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- Introduction to the Bible – an adult formation opportunity to explore the Bible will be held JAN 7 – FEB 4. Details will follow in the bulletin.
- Parish Mission with Eric Hollis is scheduled for FEB 28 - MAR 2

Old Business

None.

Commission Updates

To allow adequate time for discussion of the financial status, commission updates were not presented at the meeting but are provided here:

1. **Athletic Commission** – *No update*
2. **Building and Finance Commission** – *See above, item 1, New Business*
3. **Education Commission** – *No update*
4. **Festival** – *No update*
5. **Parish Life** – *No update*
6. **Stewardship** – *Susan Aloisio*
 - Stewardship Renewal: 181 commitment cards have been returned to date. Commission members are making follow-up phone calls to ministry leaders to make sure all volunteers are contacted and to provide assistance with Stewardship Pro if needed.
 - The commission has a draft mission statement that should be finalized by their December meeting
 - Sharing the Stewardship message with other parish commissions will begin in January 2016. Parish commission chairs will be contacted in December for scheduling.

7. **Worship** – *Susan Aloisio*

Art and Environment Chair - possible replacements for Mary Joseph have been offered by commission members. A suggestion was made for a bulletin insert to assist with the search.

Action Items

None.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7:00 pm Room B