

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes
Wednesday, September 19, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Location: Parish Center Room B
Minutes: Terry Callan
Start time: 7:00 pm
End time: 8:10 pm

Present: Fr. Dennis, Fr. Bishop, Deacon David Meyer, Susan Aloisio, Michael Beiting, Terry Callan, Mark Dunkley, Travis Everly, Chris Homan, Jodi Kastner, Julie Morency, Lisa Samson, Jack Schwein

Not Present: Denny Connor

I. Opening Prayer

Fr. Dennis led the Opening Prayer.

II. After some discussion, council members decided that council does not need to do anything more at this time to announce the comparatively good news of having had a balanced operating budget for the last two years and explain the use of operating surpluses for necessary capital improvements.

III. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church

A. **Date:** Council members suggested that the celebration be held after the 50th anniversary of the church's dedication (i.e., January 18, 2020) sometime between the feast of St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5) and the date of his canonization (June 3). Since April 5, 2020 is Palm Sunday, likely dates include April 19 and 26, 2020. If we want the Archbishop to be present, we will need to get the date on his calendar as soon as possible. Jack Schwein will be the nucleus of a committee to plan this celebration.

B. **Gathering space at the back of church:** During an extensive discussion, members of council seemed to presume that it would be good to complete construction of the gathering space in time for the celebration. It was also assumed that funds should be raised specifically for this purpose. Perhaps asking for contributions could begin as early as February 2019 and be completed by April 2019 to allow construction to be completed by the anniversary celebration a year later.

Renovation of the church carpet and pews should be done in conjunction with creation of the gathering space. The whole project should be divided into phases that could be completed separately and the cost of each phase calculated. When contributions are solicited, people should be told how much each phase will cost, and progress toward raising the whole amount should be displayed. Mark Dunkley will work out the phases and costs.

IV. Commitment Sunday

Susan Aloisio and Chris Homan will update the material used last year to ask people to commit themselves to specific uses of their time, talent and treasure for the coming year; they will also arrange for distribution of the material. At the time it is distributed, there will need to be an announcement about it at mass and a request for return of the commitment cards.

V. Commission Updates

Mark Dunkley reported orally on the festival. It was a great success as a community-building event. At this point its financial results are uncertain, but Mark thinks it raised at least as much money as last year's festival.

VI. Closing Prayer

Fr. Bishop led a closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm, Room B

Please respect the confidential nature of all discussions relative to parish financial information.

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ATHLETICS

- We will be sharing the cost of a new water fountain in the gym (with bottle filler).
- Hoping to seed all the soccer fields within the week - currently a lot of the fields are mostly weeds/clover
- Basketball season will be starting in Dec. If there is gym availability, we might offer time to All Saints

BUILDING AND FINANCE

Financials

- We are pleased that YTD weekly offerings are running close to budget.
- August church expenses include a partial payment to Dalton for roof/skylights.
- Projected school income and expense changes due to enrollment and staffing changes is a net positive of about \$50,000. This will help to lessen the budgeted school deficit.
- The annual report to the parish for 2017-18 with a letter from Fr. Jaspers and Fr. Bishop will be a bulletin insert on 9/30/18.
- Capital Improvement donations to date are over \$12,000. These donations will be used toward the church roof expense.
- B&F noted the great work being done by Mark Dunkley as Festival chairperson. Sponsorship income is higher than previous years.
- School Enrollment update: 159 (Preschool = 17; K-8 = 142). Demographics are: 37% parishioner, 63% non-parishioner; 41% Catholic, 59% other denominations; 61.5% Ed Choice funded.

Building/Grounds

- Skylights in the church are complete and some repair work has been started on the bottom portion of the roof. Once the temperatures cool and the humidity drops, Dalton will be able to schedule the remainder of the work. The coating application is only effective when applied within certain temperature and humidity ranges.
- All work on the Montgomery Rd parking lot has been completed. Staff is pleased with the work and customer service by Klekamp.
- We were unable to get updated pricing numbers from the vendors on church interior lighting. This will be discussed at the next B&F meeting.
- The property manager for Sycamore Crossing shopping center has contacted us with concerns over soil erosion on their property due to our storm sewer discharge. We have had discussions with the property manager and an attorney for the Archdiocese. We are working out agreements to complete the work and have appropriate plans in place for any future work of a similar nature.

WORSHIP

1. Parish Retreat scheduled for Saturday, September 29th from 8:30am – 2:00pm. The retreat will be led by Fr. Kyle Schnippel, Pastor of St. John Newman Parish.
2. Catechetical Sunday was celebrated at the 11:00 mass on Sunday, September 16th.
3. The Archdiocese is offering evening of reflections and training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. SVF will be hosting a session on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00pm in Hamilton Hall. To register contact Brian Caperton, bcaperton@svfchurch.org or 686-1124.
4. Newly revised Archdiocesan guidebooks for Eucharistic Ministers are available in the ushers room in church.
5. There will be a commissioning of liturgical ministers at all the masses on the Feast of Christ the King, November 17&18.
6. There is a need for more greeters at every mass. Currently there are only 2 at each mass and at least 3 are needed.
7. All Saints Day masses will be at 8:20am and 12:00 noon. All Soul's Day mass is at 7:00pm.
8. There have been requests to have more votive candles available in the back of church. Brian Caperton will be researching another stand with small votive candles and less expensive tall candles.