

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Location: Parish Center Room B

Minutes: Jack Schwein

Start time: 7:00 pm

End time: 8:25 pm

Present: Deacon David Meyer, Susan Aloisio, Michael Beiting, Denny Connor, Mark Dunkley, Chris Homan, Julie Morency, Lisa Samson, Jack Schwein

Not Present: Fr. Dennis, Fr. Bishop, Terry Callan, Travis Everly, Jodi Kastner

I. Opening Prayer

Deacon Dave led the Opening Prayer.

II. Progress reports

- A. Commitment Sunday – Susan Aloisio & Chris Homan reported that the Stewardship Commitment cards were mailed out and that a total could be available at the November meeting. They are hopeful that there is a way to count & note the parishioners who checked boxes could be current & defined in this mailing only.
- B. Planning the 50th Anniversary celebration – Susan and Chris suggested that regardless of the permission of the renovation plans we should begin now with the planning outline of the celebration.
- C. Phases and costs of the church renovation project – Mark Dunkley presented & discussed the proposed drawings and estimated costs of the project.
- D. Mark urged Building and Finance to do a complete audit of all of SVF's physical assets.

III. Items to be discussed

- A. Should we proceed with the church renovation project & if so, how? It was agreed that a subcommittee of the Parish Council should meet with Fr. Dennis as soon as possible to discuss & get a full understanding of all the options associated with the possible renovation and all aspects of the 50th Anniversary Celebration planning.
- B. Wine & cheese/coffee & donuts – Mark Dunkley shared his thoughts on developing a hospitality program/plan with various grades with involvement once a month for the Saturday wine and cheese & Sunday coffee and donuts. Parish Council agreed that the hospitality program would go a long way to strengthen the relationship between parishioners & the school.
- C. Ways of developing the All Saints – St. Vincent Ferrer pastoral region. Lisa Samson touched on how combining athletics is working well between the two schools and how All Saints has embraced the soccer program.
- D. Strengthening the relationship between parishioners and the school – see hospitality wine & cheese/coffee & donut discussion.

IV. Commission Updates

- A. Athletics – Lisa Samson. As previously noted All Saints and St. Vincent Ferrer are combining athletics with good results.
- B. Building and Finance – Denny Connor. Concerning the church renovation, Denny stated no borrowing and that cash in hand is necessary.
- C. Education – Michael Beiting. There was a brief discussion of the 4 new teachers.
- D. Festival – Mark Dunkley. The festival was a financial success. The full dollar accounting will be available at the November meeting.

Special Note: Deacon Dave shared the fact that St. Vincent Ferrer was chosen as the host for the Liturgical and Eucharistic Ministries training earlier this month. Deacon Dave reported that there were approximately 150 people in attendance and that over 40 were from SVF.

V. Closing Prayer

Aaron Hess led a closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 pm, Room B

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ATHLETICS

- Volleyball is ending this weekend with tournaments. The two teams have done well this season
- Basketball begins at the end of the month - only 4 teams vs 6 last year - really struggled with younger ages, and ended up sending 5 younger boys to All Saints to play
- All Saints is definitely moving forward with a combined soccer program with SVF. We will likely add a few teams in the spring, then do a full roll out in fall. Working on determining what will be needed
- Soccer fields have been seeded and we will work on getting them in better shape going forward
- Many of the 8th graders have been involved in athletics, but there has definitely not been the interest/participation in many of the other grades, so it is going to continue to be a struggle to field teams.

EDUCATION

Report on 9-24-18 meeting

- After our opening prayer, Kim gave us information about the school, including information about new staff members, the accreditation process.
- There was a speaker that came in September 2018 to talk to SVF parents about social media.
- The RCIA program has 11 candidates (4 from SVF) and 6 from All Saints, including 2 children (one is on the fence).
- First Communion is scheduled for SVF on May 5th, with about 15 children participating, including children from PREP.
- Reconciliation is scheduled at SVF on Dec. 10th, but will also be celebrated at All Saints on the 11th and 12th (some of the children from All Saints will be here on the 10th).
- Confirmation is scheduled for both parishes on February 10th at the Cathedral.
- There is a parish retreat scheduled at SVF this weekend.
- There is also going to be an evening of reflection on Oct. 11th for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors.
- All of the teachers are up to date with their Vocare training (Ms. Froehlich, the second grade teacher, is working currently with Brian on staying current in her training).
- PREP is up and running with about 40 children.
- Windows in the school were sealed up and repaired by Gilkey.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 26th.

Principal's report

We have four changes to our staff this year. Two were known and filled before the end of the school year, and two happened in July. The following are the changes and a short bio on each.

First grade, Mrs. Ann Boyle

I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful school. I have taught for 18 years in kindergarten, first and second grades. I love primary! There is so much creativity and love for school in the early grades. I think I learn as much from my students as they do from me. I can't wait to start this new adventure.

Second grade, Miss Charlotte Froehlich

Hello, my name is Charlotte Froehlich and I am proud to be the incoming 2nd grade teacher here at St. Vincent Ferrer! I am a 2018 graduate of the University of Dayton where I earned my bachelor's Degree in early childhood education, obtained my 4th and 5th grade generalist endorsement, and earned my certificate to teach students with Dyslexia. I am originally from Troy, Michigan where I grew up attending Catholic schools, served the community, and participated in various athletics and music programs. I am honored and prepared to immerse myself within the community, work to engage my students in all aspects of their education and (now that I am a Cincinnati resident) convert to becoming a Bengals and Reds fan. I found my passion teaching 2nd grade through my student teaching experience and am ecstatic to continue this amazing journey at SVF!

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4th and 5th math, science, social studies, Ryan Drewry,

My name is Ryan Drewry and I'm so excited to be part of St. Vincent Ferrer. I graduated from the University of Cincinnati Summa Cum Laude and began my teaching career in the public schools. My concentration is in math and social studies and through a long-term subbing position this past year I have come to find a joy for teaching science as well! I'm an avid reader, love all things Marvel and, in the fall, you can find me in the stands at Paul Brown stadium wearing my orange and black-Who Dey! I'm sure at some point you will see my Bengals car parked in the school lot! I've also coached football for the Fayetteville Rockets. My future goal is to obtain my principal licensure. I'm looking forward to working with the 4th and 5th graders and finding out what it means to be a Hornet!

Kaitlin Evans 6-7-8 Math and Science

I am so incredibly happy to be teaching junior high Math and Science at St. Vincent Ferrer! I have a Master of Education from the University of Maryland. In addition to a master's degree, I have two bachelor's degrees: one in psychology and the other in astronomy. While getting my undergraduate degree, I worked as an astronomy researcher on several projects, which gave me valuable insight into how science and math are used to solve real world problems. I can't wait to share these insights with my students! I believe that anyone can succeed in math and science regardless of past performance and I will work to create a supportive environment where students feel safe enough to take risks, ask questions, explore, and grow.

Over the past two years we have been working on the accreditation process through the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association. We were notified in June that we have been granted Full Accreditation. Our Academic goal is: Students will increase their critical thinking skills of analysis, evaluate and problem solving. And our Catholic identity goal is: Students will increase their knowledge and application of the forms of prayer, of Meditation, Lectio Divina, Discernment, and Adoration.

Also, during the summer, along with the regular summer cleaning that goes on, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Gilkey and the Gilkey Window Company, windows which were installed in 1993 have had the following repairs.

1. Replacement of glass panels that have failed
2. All new lift mechanisms
3. Resealing

Mr. Gilkey is a big supporter of Catholic institutions here in the Archdiocese and we are very grateful for his support.

And thanks to PTO monies, we were able to purchase and install new cubicles to house our Uniform Exchange and for our Lost and Found.

Also carpet in the reading area of the library was replaced. And on the parish side, repairs were made to the church roof along with the parking and driveway areas off Montgomery Rd. having been resealed and restriped. On Aug. 16, we had a teacher in-service. In the morning we had a full-scale training in Lockdown and Evacuation procedures which was conducted by Lieutenant Tory Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. As part of this training, Lieutenant Smith shot a gun with blanks in the building so that we could hear the sound. He also went around to each of the teachers' classrooms and talked about where the safest place in their rooms would be for the students in the event of a lockdown if there was an active shooter involved. The teachers felt that this training was very good and useful.

Every 3 years we are required to revise our School Safety Plan through Ohio Homeland Security. Our plan has been submitted for approval.

September 24, the teachers had an in-service day which was led by Amy Spicher. Amy is from Hamilton County Educational Services. Amy worked with the staff on our school's Academic goal and later this year Brian Caperton will be working with us on our Catholic Identity goal.

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PARISH LIFE

Stewardship Weekend October 27-28, 2018 — Parish Life Commission (PLC) met with Susan Aloisio and Jodi Kastner to set the date for the Stewardship/Commitment Weekend and develop the communications for the weekend. Commitment Cards with a cover letter from Fr. Dennis have been mailed to parish families and school families. The cards can be returned during the collection or mailed back to the Parish Office in the enclosed envelope. An announcement will be made during all masses the week of October 20-21.

Turkey and Meatball Ministry—With the help of many volunteers, this ministry provides holiday dinner (cooked turkey, gravy and other donations) to hundreds of hungry/poor people served by Our Daily Bread (Over the Rhine) during their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Commitment cards were mailed the first week in October. Those who are interested but not on the volunteer mailing list, can find details in upcoming bulletins. As in previous years, volunteers can donate a cooked turkey, donate a turkey and/or cook a turkey that someone else has donated. We will offer several drop-off options — Sundays Nov 11 & 18 and Dec 9 & 16, between 8:45 AM and 12:15 PM, a volunteer will be available to take your donation at the Kitchen corridor to Hamilton Hall during these times. Alternatively, drop-offs can be made during office hours.