

**St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023**

Council Members Present	Council Members Unable To Attend	Other Clergy and Guests Present
Travis Everly, Chair Elaine O’Connell, Member-at-Large Tina Borchard, Member-at-Large Julie Morency, Member-at-Large Rich Hidy, Member-at-Large Commission Representatives: Bill Mountel, Parish Life Commission Susan Aloisio, Worship Commission Chris Vollman, Athletics Commission Annie Lawrence, Education Mark Lefke, Building & Finance	Father Daniel Hunt, Pastor Father Tom Wray, Parochial Vicar Doug Hallett, Member-at-Large	None

Agenda -- Information/Discussion	Action/Follow Up
<p>I. Opening Prayer The regular meeting of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (“Council”) held on October 18, 2023 opened with a prayer led by Bill Mountel.</p> <p>II. Approval of Prior Minutes The minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting, which were previously distributed to Council, were unanimously approved.</p>	

III. Items Discussed

Services For Janet Wray. Travis Everly, joined by Council, reflected on the Parish memorial services celebrating the life of Janet Wray. The entire Parish community came together to honor Janet and support the Wray family. Council, and the Parish, will continue to do all it can to assist Father Tom and his family during this challenging time.

A. Old Business

Beacons of Light Update. Bill Mountel and Travis Everly provided a Beacons of Light update. Leadership team meetings continue. An item of recent focus centers on naming our family of Parishes. It is expected that both St. Vincent Ferrer and All Saints will retain their individual campus names, but a new name for the combined Parish family will also be chosen. Father Dan is directing this effort, as well as completing a review of how our family of Parishes will be organized and function going forward.

Sound System. Adjustments have been completed, and the sound system appears to be functioning as designed. No further improvements or modifications are contemplated at this time.

B. New Business

Governance Discussion. Those present engaged in a further discussion about the role and function of Council in light of current practices and future Beacons of Light inspired modifications. Items touched on included the proper role of Council, the frequency and content of meetings, adding value through more strategic input and, finally, when and whether a combined Council for the Parish family might be more appropriate. Travis Everly and Bill Mountel will seek direction on these matters from Father Hunt.

Travis Everly and Bill Mountel to follow up with Father Hunt.

III. Commission Updates

Athletics

Chris Vollman summarized the Athletics report. The Fall sports mass will be on November 4th at 5 pm. Efforts continue to review the possible removal of the old drop ceiling in the gym to better facilitate Parish sports activities, such as volleyball. In the next few weeks, the area above the tiles will be inspected for this purpose, and then if no impediments are identified Chris will present a plan to the Building & Finance Commission for approval.

Building and Finance

Mark Lefke reviewed the Parish's financial condition, summarizing revenue, expenses and recent trends. From an expense perspective, the School continues to be the primary driver of overall Parish financial health, and expanding enrollment beyond current levels remains an important Parish financial priority.

Education

Annie Lawrence summarized the School Report. The start of the school year has gone extremely well, with many academic and religious activities well underway. An Early Childhood Information Night is planned for November 29th, highlighting our expanded Preschool, PreK and Kindergarten programs.

Parish Life

Bill reviewed the Parish Life Report. The wine tasting event was a success, with higher participation than in prior years. Our Parish Service Blitz is scheduled for October 21st, and both the Our Daily Bread and Turkey Ministries are on track to begin later this year. Work also continues on the Stewardship team for the Parish family, with Bill and others coordinating these efforts with Father Hunt.

Worship

Susan Aloisio discussed Worship Commission activities, noting that there is an urgent need for additional Eucharistic Ministers, especially at our Saturday evening mass. If anyone would like to participate, they should contact Susan or another member of the

Chris Vollman to follow up with Building & Finance concerning the possible removal of the drop ceiling in the gym.

Worship Commission to complete a short training program.

IV. Closing Prayer

Susan Aloisio led Council in a closing prayer.

V. Adjournment; Next Meeting

Council then adjourned. Our next meeting is November 15, 2023.

Attachments

Commission Reports, which were provided to Council prior to the meeting, are attached for Council. There is no written Worship Commission Report this month.

Prepared by Rich Hidy

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