The St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Council Members Present	Council Members Not Present	Clergy and Guests Present
Father Tom Wray, Pastoral Vicar	Chris Vollman, Athletics Commission	Mark Dunkley, Renovation Architect
Father Dennis Jaspers, Pastor		
Jodi Kastner, Chairperson		
Ruth Connolly, Member-at-Large		
Travis Everly, Member-at-Large		
Julie Morency, Member-at-Large		
Tina Borchard, Member-at-Large		
Commission Representatives:		
Kathy Abele, Building & Finance		
Maria Barrett, Worship		
Annie Lawrence, Education		
Bill Montel, Parish Life Commission		

Agenda Information/Discussion	Action/Follow Up
I. Opening Procedures The regular meeting of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (Council) held on November 18, 2020, was opened with a prayer led by Father Wray at approximately 7:05 p.m. The meeting was virtual via Zoom. Minutes of the September and October meetings were unanimously approved.	
 II. Discussion Items: a. Christmas masses – Fr. Wray reviewed the final mass schedule and plans for additional decorations in the sanctuary. Some donors have stepped up to pay for artificial trees. We discussed ways to communicate mass times to parishioners; it is too late for bulk mail postcards. 	• Priests to decide on best communication method for Christmas mass times.

 b. 75th Anniversary Update – A planning meeting was held last night by Fr. Wray, F Jaspers, Tina Borchard and Julie Morency. Tina and Julie will collect and curate photographs submitted by parishioners to be compiled into a video and possibly photo books that can be sold. Five potential dates are being considered, all in 2021: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 16. 	 Fr. Jaspers to check dates with the Archbishop. Parish office to supply budget for photo project. Jodi to investigate cost of photo books for parishioners.
c. Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Process – called Beacons of Light, this is a new strategic planning initiative by the Archdiocese, the 3 rd such endeavor in the last 20 years. Fr. Jaspers reported that this initiative is being driven by the projected number of priest retirements. It will include new pastoral groupings that do not match the current Deanery boundaries. The initiative will involve parish leadershi as well as lay persons with relevant strategic planning experience.	 Fr. Wray to schedule Beacons of Light webinar for parish leaders.
d. Media assistance request – Fr. Wray reported that he is seeking assistance with editing digital audio files for our website and social media. Anyone who has experience with Apple/Macbook digital editing software should contact Fr. Wray at <u>father@svfchurch.org</u> .	
e. Mass Live-stream Proposals – Travis Everly led the discussion of the two proposals, from ICB and Integrated Schoolhouse, comparing capabilities and cost Fr. Wray stated his preference for "next generation" technology from ICB that uses step mats to control the camera rather than using a fixed camera position. Council members were urged to view St. Dominic's (Delhi) online mass to see what ICB can do. Council was reminded that the equipment would have a useful life of 3-7 years, and to plan on replacement in 5 years. For the initial investment Building and Finance agreed to allocate \$5000 in the budget.	 Travis will reach out to school principal and PTO regarding potential financial contribution.

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Agenda - Information Discussion III Commissions Updates Athletics Travis Everly gave a verbal report in Chris Vollman's absence. Basketball season has started with four boy's teams and the girls playing on a combined team with All Saints. The start of the games is staggered due to COVID-19. Only one parent can attend a game per league rules. Building and Finance Kathy Abele provided the additional demographics requested at the October meeting, but discussion was tabled due to length of the meeting. She reported that the number of online givers increased during the year and asked Council members to think of ways to boost this number further. Travis offered to create a tutorial for the website. She also reported on the new Marian garden/grotto near the Kindergarten side of the school building that is being built by Noah Dunkley for his Eagle Scout project. Education Annie Lawrence reported that school is currently in remote learning mode until 12/7/2020 and that Prep classes are following suit. Parish Life Bill Montel reported that the last push for Thanksgiving turkeys is under way and then they will begin the Christmas Turkey Drive. Worship See attached report from 11/09/ commission meeting. Plans for church decorations and communication of mass times were discussed earlier in this meeting.	Action /Follow Up

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IV. <u>Adjournment</u>	
Upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.	
VI. <u>Closing Prayer</u> Father Jaspers led the Council in a closing prayer.	

Prepared and submitted by Maria Barrett, January 8, 2021