

**St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023**

Council Members Present	Council Members Unable To Attend	Other Clergy and Guests Present
Doug Hallett, 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	Father Daniel Hunt, Pastor Father Tom Wray, Parochial Vicar Travis Everly, Chair Elaine O’Connell, Member-at-Large Tina Borchard, Member-at-Large Commission Representative, Building & Finance	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 September 20, 2023 opened with a prayer led by Doug Hallett.</p> <p>II. Approval of Prior Minutes The minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting, which were previously distributed to Council, were unanimously approved. Rich Hidy reported that approved Council minutes were ready to be posted on the Parish web site at any time.</p>	

III. Items Discussed

A. Old Business

Enrollment & Early Childhood Program Update. Council reviewed enrollment data for the upcoming school year. Confirmed 2023-2024 enrollment currently stands at 153. Efforts continue to be made to expand School enrollment.

Beacons of Light Update. Bill Mountel provided a Beacons of Light update. Leadership team meetings are on track, and our new Director of Communications is now in place and actively promoting the Parish family within the community.

B. New Business

Governance Discussion. Those present engaged in a detailed discussion about the proper role and function of Council in light of current practices and possible future Beacons of Light inspired modifications. Bill Mountel agreed to follow up on these matters with Travis Everly and Father Hunt, and report back in the future.

Support For the Wray Family. Council again reviewed how the Parish could best support Father Wray, his wife Janet, and their entire family. Many supportive activities have been scheduled, and more are planned.

Bill Mountel to follow up on governance related matters with Travis Everly and Father Hunt.

III. Commissions Updates

Athletics

Chris Vollman provided a verbal Athletics report. A Fall sports mass is tentatively being planned for either November 4th or November 11th. Various sports fundraisers are also being considered, including a possible walkathon and a Monte Carlo night. Chris also noted that there is still a desire to consider removing the drop ceiling in the gym, and indicated that he will further follow up with the Building & Finance Commission before proceeding further.

Building and Finance

No Council report. However, the Parish Financial Report for the July, 2022 through June, 2023 fiscal year will appear in the October 1, 2023 Bulletin.

Education

Annie Lawrence summarized the School Report. The start of the school year has gone extremely well, and students are actively engaged in many significant religious and academic activities. Council expressed its strong appreciation for the excellent improvement in academic achievement at the School over the past few years: in 2020-21, 66% of School students tested at or above their grade level, and by last year, 85% of School students were testing at or above their grade level.

Parish Life

Bill reviewed the Parish Life Report. The wine tasting event benefitting the School's scholarship fund will take place on October 14, and a Service Blitz Day will take place on October 21. The establishment of the Stewardship team remains on track, and work is underway to launch an updated Daily Bread program for our family of Parishes. Council also noted that the Archdiocese and the Parish were actively engaged in expressing the Church's views on Issue 1, the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment expanding abortion rights.

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

Worship

Susan Aloisio discussed Worship Commission events taking place in September and October. The Blessing of the Bells will occur on September 29 immediately after the 8:20 Mass. Work continues on identifying possible sound system related improvements. A request for additional ushers will appear in the Bulletin shortly.

IV. Closing Prayer

Bill Mountel led Council in a closing prayer for Father Tom, Janet and the entire Wray family.

V. Adjournment; Next Meeting

Council then adjourned. Our next meeting is October 18, 2023 depending on the results of the upcoming governance discussion.

Attachments

Commission Reports, which were provided to Council prior to the meeting, are attached for Council. However, there is no written report for the Athletics Commission or the Building & Finance Commission this month.

Prepared by Rich Hidy

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