

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023

Council Members Present	Council Members Unable To Attend	Other Clergy and Guests Present
Father Daniel Hunt, Pastor Travis Everly, Chair Doug Hallett, 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 Tom Wray, Parochial Vicar Elaine O’Connell, Member-at-Large	None

Agenda -- Information/Discussion	Action/Follow Up
I. Opening Prayer The regular meeting of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (“Council”) held on August 16, 2023 opened with a prayer led by Father Hunt.	
II. Approval of Prior Minutes The minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting, which were previously distributed to Council, were unanimously approved. Rich Hidy agreed to follow up to ensure that Council minutes were also included on the Parish web site.	Rich Hidy to follow up to ensure that Council minutes are available on the Parish web site.

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 152, including 17 students in PreK and 14 in Preschool. The State of Ohio’s expanded Education Choice Program now offers higher levels of financial support to families utilizing private schools, providing another incentive for families to consider the School. Efforts will continue to be made to expand School enrollment. Church Sound System Update. Further adjustments, if any, will be made pending feedback from Ted Walter. Habitat For Humanity Volunteers. Bill Mountel noted that both the Parish and All Saints are participating, and that a large number of volunteers were supporting this initiative. Our next Habitat project is scheduled for Saturday August 26 in Bond Hill. Beacons of Light Update. Father Hunt provided a Beacons of Light update. All Parishes are expected to complete an updated Vision Statement, and our Statement will be completed shortly. In addition, the new Director of Communications position has been filled. B. New Business Support For the Wray Family. Travis Everly led a discussion about how the Parish could best support Father Wray, his wife Janet, and their family. In addition to prayer and the other volunteer activities already underway, Travis indicated that a Fall home clean-up event might be helpful. Council agreed that this event would tentatively take place on September 23, 2023. Other actions and initiatives in support of the Wray family were also discussed.	Travis Everly to receive feedback from Ted Walter. Travis Everly to follow up with the Wray family to confirm Fall clean up event date and time.
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New TV in Jaspers Hall. A 65 inch TV has been purchased for Jaspers Hall, and will be wall mounted shortly. This is expected to help with various presentations and events, including future RCIA classes.	III. <u>Commissions Updates</u> Athletics Chris Vollman reviewed the Athletics report. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading and golf are among the activities taking place this Fall. A new fence has been erected between the soccer field and Kenwood Green, and additional donations are expected to be solicited in order to extend the fence further along the back of the Parish campus. Building and Finance Mark Lefke reviewed the Building and Finance Report, including the Parish's financial condition, budgeting and revenue and expense initiatives. Mark noted that expanding School enrollment continues to be an important component of the Parish's overall financial health. Education Annie Lawrence summarized the School Report. A new Preschool teacher and assistant have been hired, as well as a new music teacher. School begins on August 23, with the first School mass taking place on August 30. Parish Life Bill reviewed the Parish Life Report. A 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. Bill also noted that he is assembling a Stewardship team, and expects to complete that project by mid-September.
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Worship

Susan Aloisio discussed Worship Commission events taking place in September. The first is Confirmation, to be held on September 17 at 2 pm. A large crowd is expected, and volunteers are welcome. The second is the Blessing of the Bells, which will occur on September 29 immediately after the 8:20 Mass.

IV. Closing Prayer

Father Hunt led Council in a closing prayer, including prayers for Father Tom, Janet and the entire Wray family.

V. Adjournment; Next Meeting

Council then adjourned. Our next meeting is September 20, 2023.

Attachments

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

Prepared by Rich Hidy

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