

**St. Vincent Ferrer Parish  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2024**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Unable To Attend</b>	<b>Other Clergy and Guests Present</b>
Father Daniel Hunt, Pastor Rich Hidy, Member-at-Large Julie Morency, Member-at-Large Travis Everly  Commission Representatives:  Bill Mountel, Parish Life Commission Susan Aloisio, Worship Commission Mark Lefke, Building & Finance Chris Vollman, Athletics Commission Zach Dehaemers, Grounds	Father Tom Wray, Parochial Vicar Doug Hallett, Member-at-Large Elaine O'Connell, Member-at-Large Tina Borchard, Member-at-Large  Annie Lawrence, Education	Adam Dehne (Stewardship)

<b>Agenda -- Information/Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Follow Up</b>
<p><b>I. Opening Prayer</b>            The regular meeting of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council ("Council") held on October 16, 2024 opened with a prayer led by Father Hunt. Those present also prayed for Parish staff, volunteers or family members who have recently been ill or passed away.</p> <p><b>II. Approval of Prior Minutes</b>            The minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting, which were previously distributed to Council, were unanimously approved.</p>	

### III. Items Discussed

#### A. New Business

**Welcome.** Council welcomed back Travis Everly, and expressed its appreciation that he was able to join our meeting.

**Jaspers Room Improvement.** Bill Mountel reviewed the desirability of adding a plaque honoring Father Jaspers for his many years of service to SVF, either in the Jaspers Room, or adjacent to it. Council agreed that this was appropriate, and Bill will follow up to obtain design and cost information.

**Block Party Review.** Bill summarized our Parish family block party, held at SVF on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All present agreed that the event was extremely successful, and follow up will take place to see what improvements might be incorporated into future Parish family events.

**Financials; October Financial Appeal; Next Steps.** Council noted that the Annual Financial Report to the Parish was published in the September 29<sup>th</sup> Bulletin, and was followed by a financial appeal at all Masses on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark Lefke then summarized SVF's most recent financial performance, including current account balances, expenses, and the amount needed by SVF to support operating and capital expenses. Expense management continues to be strong, but SVF must raise additional revenue (as described in the October 12<sup>th</sup> financial appeal) in order to meet upcoming expenses.

A detailed discussion then occurred concerning the steps required to follow up on the appeal, in order to ensure success. While it is clear that the Parish community is now aware of our specific needs, Council agreed that a plan detailing how funds will be raised is necessary. Elements of the plan might possibly include things like specific fundraising goals, implementing a pledge process, establishing a time based communications plan, and reaching out via a targeted campaign to the entire SVF community, including both the Church and School.

Bill Mountel will follow up on design and cost information for the plaque honoring Father Jaspers.

<p>All present agreed that additional discussions would be required to adequately develop a plan, and follow up meetings will be necessary.</p> <p>Accordingly, an initial follow up meeting has been scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, and will include members of Council, the Building and Finance Committee, the School, the Stewardship Team, and the Business office.</p> <p><b>B. Old/Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Church Sound System.</b> There are no updates on matters related to the Sound System.</p>	<p>Parish representatives will meet to develop a plan to raise the funds required for SVF.</p>
<p><b>III. <u>Commission Updates</u></b></p> <p><b>Athletics</b> Chris Vollman provided an Athletics report. He will work with the Business Office related to any changes on how the gym is used that might impact fees paid by gym users.</p> <p><b>Building and Finance</b> Our application for the pandemic era Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) is still pending. Although timing remains uncertain, it is hoped that our application will be approved later this year and the requested funds can be received shortly thereafter.</p> <p><b>Education</b> Bill Mountel and Mark Lefke discussed School related matters. The School year is off to a strong start, with the STEM lab in full use and many after-School enrichment programs also underway. There remains capacity for significant numbers of additional students.</p> <p><b>Parish Life</b> Bill Mountel reviewed the Parish Life Report. Many volunteer activities are underway, and the Fall Service Blitz day is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. A “Christmas Wish” appeal</p>	

is expected to be implemented for the upcoming holiday season.

**Worship**

Susan Aloisio summarized Worship Commission activities. There remains a need for additional sacristans to assist with communion and other Church activities.

**IV. Closing Prayer**

Father Hunt led Council in a closing prayer.

**V. Adjournment; Next Meeting**

Council then adjourned. Our next Council meeting will be on November 20, 2024, in Room B of the Community Building.

**Attachments**

Commission Reports received prior to this meeting are attached for Council.

Prepared by Rich Hidy

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