

The St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019

Council Members Present	Council Members Not Present	Clergy and Guests Present
Jack Schwein, Chairperson Jodi Kastner, Vice Chairperson Julie Morency, Member-at-Large Commission Representatives: Lisa Samson, Athletics Commission Denny Connor, Building & Finance Michael Beiting, Education Mark Dunkley, Festival Commission Chris Homan, Parish Life Maria Barrett, Worship Elaine Rairden, Recording Secretary	Father Dennis Jaspers, Pastor Tina Borchard, Member-at-Large Ruth Connolly, Member-at-Large Travis Everly, Member-at-Large Bill Montel, Parish Life Commission	Father Jedidiah Tritle, Parochial Vicar

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<p>I. Opening Procedures The regular meeting of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (Council) held on September 18, 2019, was opened with a prayer led by Father Jedidiah Tritle at 7:05 pm. The minutes of the August 21, 2019, meeting, which were distributed electronically to the Council prior to this meeting, were unanimously approved and posted to the parish website.</p> <p>II. Items to be Discussed A. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church dedication on October 20, 2019, with Archbishop Schnurr.</p>	

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<p>predicaments and how he manages the program. As a possible solution to his concerns, Mr. Mattison had requested that the Council consider changing the schedule from monthly to four times a year, particularly eliminating it during the summer months. He committed that his family would cover all four of the Sundays and another family could be recruited to cover the four Saturdays.</p> <p>Mr. Schwein did speak to Mr. Mattison and Mrs. Mattison had an opportunity to speak to Ms. Holman, Chairperson of the Parish Life Commission, about the matter while they attended a function. They individually clarified that their primary concern was the amount of time and effort required to coordinate the program for each month with a different set of volunteers for each of the three weekend masses. Their coordinating tasks also include ongoing recruiting, training new volunteers, scheduling, filling in for absent assigned volunteers, in addition to monitoring program supplies and the proper set up and clean up for each mass.</p> <p>The Council recognized the demands of managing the hospitality program and expressed its gratitude to Mr. Mattison and his family for their dedicated stewardship in sustaining the program. Discussion was held on the value of holding the program once a month versus four times a year. The initial concept of once a month could continue if an evaluation of the process of conducting the program would be made to identify where changes could be made to streamline it and lessen the burden on all the participants. It was noted that when the gathering space is completed in six months, there will be space to store supplies and electric outlets to make coffee. If the hospitality program were to continue once a month until the space is ready, the volunteer base for the six-month period is suggested to be the parish commissions and the parish school students and parents. Mr. Schwein will propose the “gathering space six-month plan” to Mr. Mattison for his comment.</p>	<p>Mr. Schwein will propose continuing the monthly hospitality program “gathering space six-month plan” to Mr. Mattison for his comment.</p>
<p><u>D. Review SVF Constitution/Comments</u></p> <p>Ms. Kastner requested that the review of the Council Constitution be tabled to the October 16, 2019, meeting due to the absence of Father Jaspers from this meeting.</p>	<p>The review of the Council Constitution was tabled to the October 16, 2019, meeting.</p>

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<p>III. <u>Commissions Updates</u></p> <p><u>Athletics – Lisa Samson</u> Ms. Samson advised she had nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Building and Finance – Denny Connor</u> Mr. Connor advised most of the items discussed in the recent Building and Finance Commission meeting were discussed during this Council meeting. The only additional information is that the commission will secure estimates for repair of the roofs on some of the buildings.</p> <p><u>Education – Michael Beiting</u> Mr. Beiting referred to the Education Commission report which was distributed to the Council prior to the meeting and which is attached to these minutes. He noted that the students in the St. Vincent Ferrer pre-school have matriculated to the kindergarten class. Mr. Beiting will obtain the percentage of pre-school students who have matriculated to St. Vincent Ferrer kindergarten since the pre-school was opened. This statistic will be reported to the Council at the October 16, 2019, meeting.</p> <p><u>Festival – Mark Dunkley</u> Mr. Dunkley stated he believed the new lighting equipment and sound system improved the environment of the festival grounds, particularly the area away from the rides. He advised that although the final income and costs numbers have not been received, he estimates that proceeds from the booths were higher than for the two previous years. The total number of volunteers increased this year with some staying after the close of the festival to help clean up. Mr. Dunkley announced that for the 2020 festival, he will assign individuals to oversee the various activity portions of the festival, such as, one person to oversee all the food booths. This change will distribute the oversight responsibilities for some sections to others which will free him to concentrate on the overall management of the festival. The final report on the festival will be issued as soon as all the data is received and analyzed. Mr. Schwein thanked Mr. Dunkley on behalf of the Council for his excellent production of the festival, a job well done.</p>	<p>Mr. Beiting will report at the next Council meeting the percentage of pre-school students who have matriculated to kindergarten since the pre-school was opened.</p>

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<p><u>Parish Life – Chris Homan</u> Ms. Homan reported that the commission is creating plans to increase the number of turkey donations for distribution for the upcoming holidays.</p> <p><u>Worship – Maris Barrett</u> Ms. Barrett advised the Worship Commission has been working with the ad hoc committee for the 50th anniversary celebration. The only information she would add, other than what has already been reported, is there will be greeters at the church doors who will welcome people and distribute commemorative cards on which a quote of St. Vincent Ferrer will be printed. Deacon Brian is planning the liturgy.</p> <p><u>IV. For the Good of the Order</u> The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on October 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>V. Adjournment</u> Upon a motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.</p> <p><u>VI. Closing Prayer</u> Father Tritle led the Council in a closing prayer.</p>	

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