

The St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2019

Council Members Present	Council Members Not Present	Clergy and Guests Present
Father Dennis Jaspers, Pastor Jack Schwein, Chairperson Jodi Kastner, Vice Chairperson Tina Borchard, Member-at-Large 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	Ruth Connolly, Member-at-Large Travis Everly, Member-at-Large Bill Montel, Parish Life Commission	Father Jedidiah Tritle, Parochial Vicar Deacon Brian Caperton, Pastoral Associate

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<p>I. Opening Procedures The regular meeting of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council (Council) held on August 21, 2019, was opened with a prayer led by Father Jedidiah Tritle at 7:00 pm. The minutes of the June 19, 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. Mr. Schwein reported that Ferd Forney has asked on behalf of the Knights of Columbus whether their Honor Guard will participate in the celebration liturgy.</p>	<p>Ms. Barrett confirmed that Susan Aloisio is contacting Mr. Forney to coordinate the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard participation in the liturgy.</p>

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<p>1. <u>Progress report on fundraising for the church renovation</u></p> <p>Mr. Dunkley confirmed that \$173,315 has been pledged, of which \$165,505 has been received. He confirmed there is sufficient funding available to pay for four of the five phases in the renovation plan, noting that the repair of the kneelers and pews is approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000 under budget. Seven volunteers have committed to clean and stain the pews. The renovation of the restrooms will start once the kneelers and pews plus the carpet installation are completed and will begin with the women’s restroom. The restroom renovation work will not be completed by October 20, 2019. Women will use the men’s restroom and the men will use the facility in the ushers’ ready room for the duration of the renovation work. Mr. Dunkley reported that representatives of the Archdiocese met with Father Jaspers, Father Tritle and Mr. Dunkley to discuss the appropriate location of the baptismal font in the sanctuary. There was consensus to keep the font in its current location and move the original marble font to the same location. Father Jaspers and Mr. Dunkley will develop a design which will join the two fonts into one arrangement, possibly creating a water flow from the marble font into the current font.</p> <p>2. <u>Progress report from ad hoc committee to plan the celebration</u></p> <p>Ms. Barrett stated there two working groups for the celebration. They are the Worship Commission which is planning the liturgy and the ad hoc committee whose members are Chris Homan, Jodi Kastner and Susan Aloisio who are responsible for the overall planning and implementation of celebration details outside of the liturgy. Ms. Homan advised that invitations to the celebration are scheduled to be mail this week. Mr. Dunkley reported that this year is also the 60th anniversary of the St. Vincent Ferrer School. He requested that this milestone be acknowledged during the 50th mass.</p> <p>B. <u>Jim McCormick’s retirement</u></p> <p>Julie Morency, who is organizing the reception, with direction from Jodi Kastner, suggested that the date of October 13, 2019, previously chosen for Mr. McCormick’s</p>	<p>Mr. Dunkley requested that the 60th anniversary of the St. Vincent Ferrer School in 2019 be acknowledged during the 50th mass.</p>

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<p>retirement reception should be revisited as it is the weekend before the 50th celebration. It was noted that the reception could be held any time after the date of his retirement Mr. Connor will contact Mr. McCormick to ascertain his preference for the date and the scope of any program or activity which will be planned for his reception.</p> <p>C. <u>Wine/cheese-coffee/donuts</u></p> <p>Mr. Schwein stated that Toby Mattson, who has been coordinating the monthly hospitality program after the weekend masses, has informed him how difficult it is to recruit volunteers to organize the monthly activity. Mr. Mattson has requested that the Council consider changing the schedule from monthly to four times a year, particularly eliminating it during the summer months. There was consensus that the hospitality weekend should be continued, but their frequency be reduced. Mr. Schwein addressed the issue of volunteers being reimbursed for their expenses of associated the activity. Mr. Mattson reported most volunteers do not wish to be reimbursed; however, for those who do, the question of what the fairest and most efficient method is to cover the volunteer’s costs. If the Council were to reduce hospitality weekends to four a year, Mr. Mattson committed his family would cover all four of the Sundays and another family could be recruited to cover the four Saturdays. Mr. Schwein requested that the matter be tabled until he has an opportunity to speak to Mr. Mattson so he can better explain his predicaments and how he manages the activity.</p> <p>D. <u>Article “Welcoming Those with Special Needs to the Lord’s Table”</u></p> <p>Mr. Schwein referred the Council to the subject article, which was sent to the Council by Kathy Abele, the parish Business Manager. He noted Deacon Brian has advised that All Saints will be holding these masses. It was the article states “A large percentage of Catholic families with special needs have felt forced to abandon weekly mass attendance due to stigma and the difficulties associated with unpredictable behavior during the liturgy” Father Jaspers advised that the Archdiocesan Office for Respect for Life Ministries is the resource to support parishes who are committed to scheduling sensory-friendly masses. It is the goal of that Office is to expand this ministry throughout the</p>	<p>Mr. Connor will contact Mr. McCormick to ascertain his preference for the date and the scope of any program or activity which will be planned for his reception.</p> <p>The deliberation on the hospitality weekend program was tabled until Mr. Schwein discusses the matter with Mr. Mattson to better learn his predicaments and how he manages the activity.</p> <p>Mr. Schwein will report to the Council the results of his meeting with Mr. Mattson either by email or at the September Council meeting.</p>

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<p>Diocese. Deacon Brian reported that the coordinator of the Friends of Jesus program at All Saints is focusing on implementing the program. Father Jaspers requested that any initiation of special needs sensory masses at St. Vincent Ferrer be tabled until after the 50th anniversary celebration and the employment of a new music director.</p> <p>E. All Saints/SVF Amazing Parish Council</p> <p>Father Jaspers reported that parishes throughout the country are incorporating the Amazing Parish concepts into their planning. The All Saints/SVF Regional Pastoral Council (RPC), which is prayer-based gathering of representatives from both parishes, are committed to better communications and working together to assure that the different activities in the two parishes are promoted together in the pastoral region rather than having an activity remain with the individual parish. The goal is to identify areas where the two parishes can work together. An example is Ron Miller, the music director at All Saints who leads their children’s choir, has agreed to lead the SVF children’s choir for the Wednesday school mass. Father Jasper stated that SVF is creating a job description for a music director but is currently considering a part time position. RPC is cooperating in recruiting staff by posting open positions in both parishes. The Council consists of staff members from All Saints and staff members and parishioners from SVF. Currently participating from Saint Vincent Ferrer, in addition to Father Jaspers, are Kathy Abele, Mikki Dunkley, Terry Callan, Denny Connor and Deacon Brian.</p> <p>III. Commissions Updates <u>Athletics – Lisa Samson</u></p> <p>Ms. Samson referred the Council to the newly installed carpet in the Parish Center main hallway the cost of which was funded by the Athletics Commission. She reported that the hallway between the cafeteria and the gym will also be carpeted. The budget for the work was set for \$5,000; however, the cost is over \$6,000 Ms. Samson reported that they have started an instruction soccer league for pre-school and kindergarten children and between All Saints and SVF, 70 children have registered. A new logo is being designed combining the All Saints and SVF crests. Ms. Samson referred to the Building & Finance report for additional information on the refinishing of the gym floor.</p>	<p>Father Jaspers requested that any initiation of special needs sensory masses at St. Vincent Ferrer be tabled until after the 50th anniversary celebration and the employment of a new music director.</p>

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<p><u>Building and Finance – Denny Connor - report attached to these minutes</u></p> <p><u>Education – Michael Beiting</u> Mr. Beiting stated no Education Commission meeting was held prior to the Council meeting; however, at the last meeting the commission elected Annie Lawrence as chairperson. He reported that Ms. Lawrence has a conflict with the date of the Council meeting, so he will continue to represent the commission at the Council meetings.</p> <p><u>Festival – Mark Dunkley</u> Mr. Dunkley reported festival team intends to purchase some equipment which is used at the festival instead of renting. Fifteen-inch speakers on stands will be purchased which can serve as an individual PA system when chained together. Mr. Dunkley stated there may be a sponsor for the system. We will also purchase a karaoke machine, and there is a young mother of one of the school students who has committed to running it. Mr. Dunkley advised reported he brought 10 yard signs to the meeting for the Council members to distribute and additionally four 4’x 8’ banners announcing the festival have been printed. Mr. Dunkley stressed they still need volunteers and utilizing the Sign-Up Genius as a tool to gather names of volunteers.</p> <p><u>Parish Life – Chris Homan</u> Ms. Homan reported that she has reviewed the 2019 year-to-date data on the amount of funds the school receives compared to last year from the Kroger Card program. The total is lower this year and a message is needed encouraging the school parents to enroll the SVF school with Kroger or if they already have done so to use their cards every time they shop.</p> <p><u>Worship – Maris Barrett</u> Ms. Barrett advised that there is nothing to report at this time as the Worship Commission has not met since June.</p> <p>IV. For the Good of the Order Deacon Brian advised that the parish has a limited supply of the publication “Letter to a</p>	

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<p>Suffering Church (A Bishop speaks on the sexual abuse crisis) by Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.) Deacon Brian stated that the copies will be available for parishioners on the weekend of August 24/25, 2019.</p> <p>Ms. Kastner requested that a review of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council Constitution be placed on the next meeting Council agenda.</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on September 18, 2019, at 7:00 pm, in Room B.</p> <p>V. Adjournment Upon a motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.</p> <p>VI. Closing Prayer Father Jaspers led the Council in a closing prayer.</p>	<p>Ms. Kastner requested that a review of the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Pastoral Council Constitution be placed on the next meeting Council agenda.</p>

Prepared by Elaine Rairden

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