

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish
Parish Council Minutes
December 9, 2009**

Members Present: Fr. Otto Schneebeck, Dennis Wells, Mary Ann Gerbin, Rich Gerbin, Barb Thomas, Jackie Hittner, Craig Adams, Tish Hanewinkel, & Chris Hanewinkel.

Barb Thomas presided in Dennis Turek's absence.

Guests Present: Linda Mertz, Pat Poehling

Opening Prayer: Craig Adams

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting of November 11 were accepted as written.

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ Turkey Fest results: \$12K+
- ❖ Fund raising committee met last week. Lynda Jansen chairing Fund Raising. Ellen Marshall will be chair of Mardi Gras committee.
- ❖ Harry Hamm suggestion: Have him drop by and tape on drop off Sunday.
- ❖ Archbishop invited to Jubilee for 350th Anniversary of the death of St. Vincent DePaul and The Annual Christmas Food Program 2010.
- ❖ Zip Rzeppa head of St. Vincent DePaul Society will be contacted by Father Otto.
- ❖ Financially "treading water"

Linda Mertz: Safe Environment Program for Children:

If you work with children more than 3 times per year the Archdiocese recommends you be trained. The program lasts 2 hours. Either Linda or Pat Poehling can teach it.

May would be the earliest the next one would be scheduled and will be an updated course with new videos focusing on Internet social networking, however classes are scheduled throughout the diocese at various parishes all year.

Pat Poehling: Report on Christmas Program

Will provide food for 701 families for 2009. We provided 669 last year; 2929 total individuals in the families.

Will provide food for 500 seniors, the same as last year but 53 were not adopted for gifts this year.

The Men's Service Organization will unload trucks on December 10.

Inventory takes place on Monday December 13th. 24 7th grader volunteers and their teachers will help Monday.

Phyllis Young, Alderperson takes up a food collection currently about \$1750.

Pat outlined many improvements in the stocking/shopping processes.

Translators lined up: Hispanic, Farsi and Swahili

Suggestion was made from a council member to make some video recording of the various stages.

Parish Brochure:

The council agrees that work needs to be done on the brochure. The council decided to turn brochure project over to Kerry Lyman. It is estimated that we have enough old style brochures until approximately April. Please send all suggestions for corrections and rework to Dennis Turek.

Signage Update: Cost is \$2019.00

Maryann will call Archdiocese to see if they have any signs taken from churches that were shut down. If no sign is available the council recommended this expense for January. The Finance Committee will be updated next week, any suggestions will be considered by Father.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2010

Father Otto closed the meeting with a prayer.