

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish**  
**Parish Council Minutes**  
**January 13, 2010**

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**Members Present:** Fr. Otto Schneebeck, Dennis Turek, Dennis Wells, Mary Ann Gerbin, Rich Gerbin, Linda McCrackin, Jackie Hittner, Craig Adams, Tish Hanewinkel, & Chris Hanewinkel.

**Guests Present:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Ann Gerbin

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting of December 8th were accepted as written.

**Pastor's Report:**

- ❖ Food Pantry is still being utilized. There are issues with Guardian Angel and Hosea House staffing. There is a meeting tomorrow January 14<sup>th</sup> to resolve staffing issues.
- ❖ Ads were placed in the Lafayette Square Holiday Parlor Tour Program & Souldard Holiday Parlour Tour Program.
- ❖ The Archbishop will preside over and speak at the Jubilee Mass commemorating the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Vincent DePaul on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Father will notify the provincial and Zip Rzeppa, the leader of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.
- ❖ The parish is financially better due to Christmas donations. The parish is even at this point with the poor fund in the red.
- ❖ One oven is being replaced in the kitchen thanks to a donation that was specified for this purpose.

**Signage Update:**

Decision was made for Craig to call Phyllis Young the alderperson and seek her help in getting the approval and seeking help with LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association. Father will bring up next week with Finance Committee. The double-sided interior illuminated sign is probably the most effective for the cost considering the site. Father expressed his thanks to Craig for his work.

**Parish Task Force:**

Met Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> will start meeting every two weeks. Strategies are completed. The next task is assessing state of financial inflow, and the condition of the parish database. Barbara Zawier is looking at grant possibilities and will be working with Linda Mertz. Kerry suggested doing a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunity and Threats) analysis. Father expressed his thanks.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2010**

Father Otto closed the meeting with a prayer.