

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish
Parish Council Minutes
March 10, 2010**

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

Guests Present: Molly Skiljan

Opening Prayer: Rich Gerbin

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting of February 10, 2010 were accepted as written.

Pastor's Report:

- ❖ Sharrie Remphrey has agreed to chair the Spring-Fling.
- ❖ New fund raising events being planned:
 - July 10th Big Band Swing event
 - August 15th Erin Bode
 - September 11th Wine Tasting.
- ❖ The Parish is currently \$3,600 favorable.
- ❖ The Poor Fund is \$18,600 unfavorable.
- ❖ Two planned fundraisers for the Poor Fund are the Feinstein Matching Grant, and the Golf Tourney.
- ❖ We continue to gain new parishioners, seem to be middle age, and younger. No numbers but not all registering.
- ❖ Pantry continues to operate: Helped 6-8 people on Tuesday.
- ❖ Christmas Program: Guardian Angel and Kingdom House will handle the money and report to St. Vincent's. Any money coming to us will go to Guardian Angel. Sister Anna Lee will turn funds over to Guardian Angel. The parish will bill Guardian Angel for its expenses.

After School Program Update and Request by Molly Skiljan:

Molly needs two to three people from the Parish Council to fill the leadership team. St. Louis for Kids recommends the people be on the parish council. A \$20,000 one-time grant from The St. Louis For Kids organization is at stake. The St. Louis for Kids Board Talk Meeting is scheduled for May 4th and Sept 7th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. 13 other groups assembled for this fellowship. This meeting is an open forum not a lecture. A consultant was hired to provide the knowledge necessary to improve our After School Program so we can successfully receive the grant. The kids served are K-8. Success is currently not measured and needs to be in order to tap into other sources of available money. Dennis will coordinate with Molly by Thursday March 11th at 5 PM and provide Barb's and Jackie's names as well as Rich's. Barb and Jackie will attend the first meeting partly to better understand the program. Dennis will put this topic on the April 8th meeting agenda for follow up.

The parish After School Program will pick two topics to improve from the list below:

Organization
Program
Leadership
Revenue and accounting
Community engagement

Father Ed Murphy and four tutors plus 2 to 3 members of the Parish Council are the Leadership Council. The Parish Council is considered the board of the After School Program by the St. Louis for Kids organization.

350th Jubilee of Vincent and Louise Preparation Update by Barb:

Judy Zurfluh assembled a list of people to be responsible for a host of responsibilities.

These responsibilities include: Food, Landscaping, Church Decorations, Church Restroom, Hall Cleaning, Hall Restrooms, Parlor and small restroom, Altar Cleaning, Church Cleaning, PR, and Liturgy. Judy will report to Carolyn Hubler, of the Liturgy Committee.

Father: Liturgy Committee recommends only one mass at 9:00 AM on Sunday.

Father will forward a copy of Monsieur Vincent, the new documentary, and copy of the Parish History to the archbishop.

Choir loft has an unsafe railing.

The decision regarding invitations was to invite local Vincentians, Daughters of Charity and a few dignitaries.

Parish Task Force Update by Dennis Turek: The March 28th meeting of parish committee member focus groups was successful. 17 people completed the SWOT analysis.

March 5th Barb and Pat Poehling assembled the local Vincentian community and completed the SWOT analysis.

They appreciated being asked and wanted to be involved.

On March 20th and 21st after the masses focus groups will be held for any parishioners wishing to participate. Dennis

Turek is also making the form available for those that want to contribute but are unable to attend the meeting.

March 24th at meals Dennis will include some of our homeless guests in the last focus group.

Sign Update: Dennis Turek explained the table of bids he sent out.

Open Forum:

Dennis Turek asked the council to bring recommendations for candidates for three open positions for council. The decision was made to post a message in the bulletin.

Website: Invitation for Mardi Gras, and the weekly lecture/minister schedule are out of date. Can it be cleaned up each Monday? Dennis Wells responded that it could be.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2010

Father Otto closed the meeting with a prayer.