

St. Vincent DePaul Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
June 9, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**Dennis Wells, Barb Thomas, Linda McCrackin, Rich Gerbin, Mary Ann Gerbin, Jackie Hittner, Craig Adams, George Dennis, Bob and Gail Pues

**OPENING PRAYER:** Barb Thomas at 6:40 p.m.

**MINUTES:** approved from April meeting (no meeting in May)

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Fr. Otto is out of town. Spring Fling showed a profit of \$11,634.61, down a little from the previous year. We were informed that the after school Program can no longer be funded by the Parish or the Poor Fund. The yearly cost is approximately \$27,000. The Program offers tutoring 2 days a week and a recreational day. It does service children in the Peabody area and has shown some definite positive impact over the years. Some ways to help with funding are writing grants or possibly asking for a special collection just for that specific purpose. Molly Skiljan, the Director, could also speak at the Masses to put a face to the Program.

**INTRODUCE AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Mary Vetter and Jeff Pike were unable to attend. We met Bill and Gail Pues and we all introduced ourselves with a brief history of ourselves and how we came to St. Vincent's.

**APPROVAL OF NEW OFFICERS:** Barb Thompson, Chairperson, Linda McCrackin, Vice Chairperson, and Mary Ann Gerbin, Secretary. Motion carried.

**REPRESENTATIVE:** It was suggested that we appoint a liaison to the Finance Committee, mainly to be informed. It would be a voice but no vote. Craig Adams and Bill Pues agreed to do this, either taking turns or together. Their next meeting is June 16 and will notify Jim Lammers who will be attending.

**DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 1 of our Charter:** Article 1 states the purpose of the Council and that is to act as representative to that forum, bringing discussions, questions and ideas to the Pastor. Also to give comments and input from other parishioners. We should actively

seek out opinions and bring them to the meetings. By Cannon Law, the Pastor makes any decision.

It was also discussed that the Council be introduced at Mass in the fall or possibly put up pictures in the Bulletin Board so people know who they are.

Also, Jackie suggested that all the Committees be commissioned at a Mass during the Stewardship Campaign.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Volunteers will be painting the Ladies bathroom in the Hall.

Linda is preparing a plaque/picture to be presented to the 3 outgoing Members. Fr. Otto will do that at an 11:00 Mass.

Question asked about the moving of the sign. Have we received any calls or negative calls from the Neighborhood Association or people in the neighborhood? None so far.

Mass on September 26th, the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Vincent and Louise, is set at 9:00 a.m. right now. It may be changed to 10:00. We will find out more later.

Craig told us about a vocal program called "Sacred Journey's". The soloist is Terry Barber and he helps to raise money for Churches by doing a concert. They are held in Church and he has raised \$15, 000 for one Church in Florida. It is a non-profit situation and the website is [www.terry-barber.com](http://www.terry-barber.com) for more information. It was suggested that it go to Fundraising.

The suggestion was made to consider working at the Cardinal baseball games as a Parish at the concession stands. Churches have made between \$800-\$900 per game. It takes about 15-18 people per booth and they need to be there about 3 hours before the game to learn the job. Bill was willing to head it up. Suggested it go to Fundraising.

Update on Task Force. Dennis Turek had hoped to have it ready for June but will most likely be September. Then it may have to be implemented by Parish Council.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** by Dennis Wells at 8:30

**NEXT MEETING:** Sept. 8-Opening Prayer by Jackie.

Minutes per Mary Ann Gerbin

