

ST. VINCENT DePAUL CHURCH  
Parish Council Meeting  
January 12, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barb Thomas, Bill Pues, Mary Vetter, Jackie Hittner, Linda McCrackin, Craig Adams, Rich Gerbin, Mary Ann Gerbin, Dennis Wells.

**ABSENT:** Fr. Otto

**OPENING PRAYER:** Barb Thomas at 6:30

**MINUTES:** approved from December meeting.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Father emailed the final totals for TurkeyFest. We cleared \$11, 494. 29.

**DISCUSSION ABOUT HALL/ANNEX RENTAL PER TOM McCRACKIN:** Tom's email stated that doing this may help with revenues and decrease expenses. But if that happens, there needs to be some instructions or guidelines on how to clean up or leave the premises after an event. Most of the members agree this would be a good idea. There could be a document drafted outlining procedures. The hall or annex could be used for parties, meetings, etc. This has to be discussed with Fr. Otto. Another idea was that if we proceed, there should be 2 different prices charged, one for parishioners and another one for non-parishioners. Craig Adams suggested that he be considered for Event Coordinator for this. Jeff made a motion and it was seconded that we are strongly in favor of renting the rooms when and if all procedures are in place.

**TASK FORCE/ COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING DISCUSSION :**

We currently have 9 members of Parish Council and it could go to 14 with each Committee having a Chairperson

represented. And there could be an additional 3 at-large members. Mary Vetter requested more discussion on this topic. Would the Chairpersons of said Committees want to attend another monthly meeting? These people would be a liaison to their committees. Jackie thinks it would be asking more of them. It would increase the 9 member Council to a larger number and it may not be effective. Jeff suggested that each Committee have an ex-officio member come to Council meeting for the term of the Task Force. Then Jeff made a motion that 1 representative from each Committee to be determined by the Committee be named to attend meetings as part of the Strategic Plan and can be renewed. Motion was seconded. Mary Ann said the reason is for better communication between all the groups. More discussion: would the person be the same person each month? Would the person be allowed to vote? Would there be more consistency if it were the same person each month as opposed to a different one each time? It was agreed that consistency would be best. Having a different person occasionally would be all right. Suggestion that we table this discussion. Motion made by Craig that we table till the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeff seconded.

**JOINT MEETING ON JAN. 23:** This meeting will be for the purpose of the 2 groups, the Task Force and Parish Council, to mesh the ideas presented in the Strategic Plan. The Task Force developed the Plan. Jeff and Dennis went through the 4 goals and we assigned people to be part of each of the 4 groups.

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| 1. SPIRITUAL FORMATION. | Jackie and Barb    |
| 2. SERVICE TO THE POOR  | Linda, Craig, Rich |
| 3. COMMUNITIES          | Mary, Mary Ann     |
| 4. LEADERSHIP           | Bill, Jeff         |

More discussion on a grant writer, possibly using our kitchen for a fundraiser. Have a "guest chef" prepare a

gourmet meal. But as a religious organization and a non-profit, this idea may not happen.

Jeff said that this is a HUGE undertaking and we are making small, incremental steps forward and that is positive. With some other groups with more expertise, it is a year project. He feels that we have made some good accomplishments. We need to draw more people into the Plan and Parish. After the Jan. 23 joint meeting, we need to have a date to present the Parish with the Plan. Also, have something in the Bulletin to inform people.

Rich suggested that there be a picture with names either as a group or individually of the members of the Parish Council put in the Bulletin. That way, people would know who is who and would know who to speak to with any concerns.

Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> is "Bring a friend to Mass" at 11:00 mass with a light lunch served after. It is sponsored by Faith Formation and Hospitality.

Meeting ended at 8:15. Next meeting is Feb. 9, 2011

Minutes per Mary Ann Gerbin