

ST. VINCENT DePaul Church
Parish Council Meeting
March 9, 2011

OPENING PRAYER: Mary Vetter at 7:30

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda McCrackin, Jeff Pike, Bill Pues, Jackie Hittner, Jane Lammers, Mary Vetter, Rich Gerbin, Mary Ann Gerbin. Fr. Otto and Dennis Wells.

ABSENT: Craig Adams

GUESTS: Pat Poehling, Gail Pues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: approved from February meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Grant writer has procured a grant for \$2500 through the Faulk Family Foundation. It is to be exclusively for helping Senior's with medication costs, which Pat does quite often. So it will certainly be a big help. There seems to be a lot of 20-ish aged people in attendance at afternoon Masses and the word must be getting out. That is a positive for us. Hope they continue. Received an email from a lady that was here on business and came to the noon Mass. She was very complimentary of the Church. Also had a phone call from someone staying at the Sheraton asking for directions. She had received one of our brochures. The "Filet of Soul" dinner set for March 18th has sold 200 tickets. A very good response to that event. Will probably close those reservations.

NEW BUSINESS: Fr. Otto has contacted and invited the Chairman of all Committees to a meeting on Sunday, March 13th, after the 11:00 Mass. Linda will lead the meeting. There will be some introductions and then a brief history of the Plan. They will explain the history of the Strategic Plan and where it stands. At that meeting, the Parish

Council will explain the restructuring of the Council and how it will happen. It will be explained that the Council is responsible for implementing the Strategic Plan. But all Committees will have a part in it, also. Communication is a priority in this endeavor. We discussed if just the chairs be the representatives. The majority felt that would give it the leadership and continuity it needs. If there were a substitute occasionally, that would be fine.....vacations, illness.....but the Chairs should be the person to hold that position. Some Committees could be changed or re-directed to accommodate the Plan. It will be made clear that these people are voting members of the Parish Council. They will be the liaison between the two organizations. We will discuss who that rep will be at the 13th meeting. With Heads changing sometimes every year, they need to make it part of their Charter to explain how they rotate. The consensus was that the Committee Heads be the rep. We hope to have an over view of the Plan to give the Chairman on Sunday, rather than present the entire Plan. At a later time, after all of this has moved forward, the Parish Council may have 11 or 12 members. We need to have a target date to present the merged document. Dennis Wells and Dennis Turek are currently working on that. The target date to have a merged document is the June 8th Parish Council meeting. It was mentioned that we may have to have extra meetings to accomplish this. We plan to have an approved document by June 8th. Then we would be able to give the Parish the finished Plan on June 19th. The question was asked about when to invite the Chairman to a Council meeting and it was agreed that they should come to the April 13th meeting. It was brought up about how often we should update the Parish of any progress and what method. Announcements after Mass, in the Bulletin?? Jeff feels that Father or someone should give a brief update because of all the work and effort that has gone into this project. Aiming for March 19-20 to give a short update. We will cover all 3 Masses that weekend. Possibly introduce any Council member that is at Mass? Still talking about taking pictures of the Members so people know who they/we are.

CARDINAL FUND RAISER: Bill presented the Fundraising Committee with an opportunity for our Parish to work at Cardinal Games this summer. They decided to go with it. A group will be trained and will work a concession stand for the entire game. They will report to the Stadium at 2:45 for a training session and will stay until approximately 10:30. We will need 20 people per game and we have to pick 4 games. A friend of Bill's has done it with their Church and it has been very successful for them in terms of raising funds. If it is successful, we can always add more games. It is possible to earn \$800-\$1000 per game. We make a percentage of the take at the particular booth. We will tell the Parish about it this Sunday and will have people working to sign up volunteers. We are hoping for a good response.

Pat Poehling: Pat had some good news to share. She has had some people and parishes ask about help with our programs. One Parish in South County is very anxious to prepare care kits, make sandwiches and help with meals. They have a St. Vincent DePaul Society but they do not have the need so they are excited about assisting us in our work. Another group wants to take over the Senior Dance, which is a big expense. So, Pat was energized about all the possibilities there are for us.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Otto at 8:45

NEXT MEETING: April 13th at 6:30.

Minutes per Mary Ann Gerbin