

**St. Vincent DePaul Church
Parish Council Meeting
October 12, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda McCrackin, Chair; Craig Adams, Jackie Hittner, Jane Lammers, Bill Pues, Mary Vetter, Fr. Ed Murphy, Dennis Wells

ABSENT: Jeff Pike

GUEST: Jan Leone

Meeting began with prayer at 6:37pm.

MINUTES APPROVAL: The July 11, 2011 minutes were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Ed reported that the structure of the staff meetings has changed. All of the parish staff now attends the weekly meetings.

Fr. Ed attended the South City Deanery meeting. Being involved with the deanery could lead to more collaboration with parishes in the deanery. An upcoming collaboration will be the Christmas novena (December 17-23, 2011). Each night the novena will be held in a different south city parish. The novena will be held at St. Vincent's on December 20, 2011. More details will be in the bulletin closer to the event.

On December 18, 2011 St. Vincent parishioners will be invited to attend the Christmas novena at St. Catherine Laboure. A pot luck dinner will follow the novena.

A count of people attending Mass on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weekends in October will occur. These numbers will be given to the Archdiocese in preparation for their Catholics Come Home program. After the program is completed, parishes will be asked to count those in attendance to see if the numbers have increased.

Kerry Lyman, Parish Secretary, and Fr. Ed have been working on the parish wedding policy. The hope is that people who get married in the parish will find a faith home at St. Vincent's.

The parish staffs at St. Vincent's and St. Catherine Laboure held a joint staff meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to find ways the parishes could collaborate more in the future. St. Vincent's will collaborate with Saint Catherine Laboure on their day to serve meals during October, November and December 2011. Details will be in the bulletin.

Starting in 2012, Fr. Ed would like to see St. Vincent's responsible for one night during meals. He is working with Jim Votino, Kitchen Manager, to see what nights are the hardest to get volunteers for meals.

Fr. Ed reported that 16 parishioners have signed up to be available to work the emergency winter shelter at that the Society of Friends building. A list will be published in the bulletin listing the items that will be needed at the shelter.

WEBSITE: It was noted that committee information is not current on the website. Committee chairs will be reminded that they are expected to update their section on the parish website.

Committee minutes will be kept on the website for one year. After the year the minutes will be archived on the website.

STRATEGIC PLAN: The strategic plan has been posted on the website. Fr. Ed will communicate with the parishioners where to find the strategic plan on the website. The strategic plan summary will be reprinted and put into a future bulletin. Committees should be looking at the strategic plan and begin working on actions assigned to their committee. Jane Lammers will continue to work with committees on their committee template. Once the templates are completed and reviewed by Fr. Ed then the template becomes the committee charter.

PARISH COUNCIL STRUCTURE: It does not make sense to have the committee chairs be on parish council. Since committee chairs are no longer serving on the parish council, three new members must be selected to serve on the council. Fr. Ed will make an announcement at the Masses on October 15 and 16, 2011. An announcement will be put in the bulletin the week of October 22 and 23, 2011.

PARISH COMMUNICATION: Space in the bulletin will be made available to parish committees and the parish council to give highlights of their meeting.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE: After Turkeyfest, the fund raising committee will no longer exist. A development committee will be formed to take the place of the fund raising committee.

BUSCH STADIUM CONCESSION STAND: Bill Pues will be giving a report to the parish regarding St. Vincent's parishioners experience running a Busch Stadium concession stand once the baseball season is complete.

GRANT WRITER: Fr. Ed and Dennis Wells are looking for another grant writer. The person who was doing grant writing for the parish left when Fr. Otto left.

TO DO LIST:

- Remind council/committee chairs to update their section on the parish website
- Make an announcement at Masses October 15 and 16, 2011 that we are in need of three members for the parish council. An announcement for the October 22 and 23 bulletin needs to be submitted.
- Mary Vetter to contact her nomination for parish council.
- Let committees know about putting highlights of their meeting in the bulletin.
- Get a reprint of the strategic plan in the bulletin.
- Fr. Ed will ask Kerry Lyman to print and file a hard copy of past minutes from the website.

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Meeting ended with a closing prayer at 8:13pm.