

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016**

Feast of St. Vincent DePaul. Father Bob linked this saint's ministry to all serving on commissions. In our OT passage, Job lamented from the depths of despair. Father Bob suggested we seem to need permission to lament, yet venting can be good for the soul. 'Friends' shout out loud in their misery, viewing that custom as a healthy sublimation to God's will. In contrast, when we stuff anger and let it brew, we might eventually snap and we say things we never intended to say. How do we journey from loss to restoration?

Juliette opened in prayer, then welcomed our new members Bill White & Fred Hemmer. She facilitated a "Life In A Bag" ice-breaker, which filled the bulk of our time. Each in turn shared his/her story employing visual aids (think: grown-up show 'n tell.)

Juliette tabled the Blue Sky Wish List agenda item until October due to lack of discussion time, though handouts were distributed for our review.

Father Bob shared the success of the summer-time subcommittee (Father Bob, Jane Marie R., Joni F., Christina R. Dave L and Monica S.) both to large-group/all commission and again to our council. They drafted a working document for PPC to study, which staff has already reviewed.

A new policy limits the number of sales in our gathering space. Lest we resemble a market place or replicate money changers in the temple, only one or two vendors/causes per weekend will be granted permission to sell after Mass. And, each will be allowed to sell only four (4) times a year.

Our nursery is now operational during the 10:30 Mass.

The Fall Festival was a success and raised approximately the same amount as last year's festival. Father Bob lacking a discerning eye to critique classic cars was none the less impressed by the showing of 80 cars.

In the future, those requesting literature be distributed during the IGH days parade will be invited to walk in the parade and hand out their flyers and join in the fun.

There is not enough need for St. Pat's to be a teaching parish this year.

Our new high school rep, Kayla, will attend PPC meetings as her schedule and extracurricular schedule allows.

We, PPC members were required to sign the archdiocese Code of Conduct.

Answering the request for volunteers to man our PPC table at the Ministry Fair were Fred, Bill, Andrea, and Ellen. After the three (3) Masses, a total of five (5) people stopped by our booth,

demonstrating slight interest. Three (3) prior council members dropped by to see the display Fred put together for our table. Kay Lawler won the scavenger hunt prize.

Father Bob asked us to remember in our prayers the three (3) families who buried loved ones this past week. Tom Stanton's funeral marked the 42nd funeral of this year. Families will be invited to the Mass of Remembrance in November.