



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

HELPING NEIGHBORS STARTS AT HOME

Council Board Meeting – Minutes

June 14, 2022

4:00-5:20 p.m.

This was a special meeting held in Executive Session via teleconference.

Presiding: Carole Johnson, Interim President

Present:

- *District Council Presidents:*
Jeanette Aubuchon, Bill Blow, Bruce Gallion, David Little, Ernestine Jackson, Russ Struttman, Ray Suda
- *Members at Large:*
John Fallah, Michael Kehoe, John Luth, Christine Novalis, Bernie Sammons, Phil Schwab, Dan Schlafly
- *Ex Officio members:*
John Foppe, Fr. Daniel Thiess

Absent: Judy Belford, Jeff Bunten, Wes Karna, Dave Winslett

Guest: Bob Hook

Quorum: Yes

1. Opening Prayer & Meditation

Ernestine Jackson led the opening prayer.

Fr. Thiess provided some thoughts for reflection. Why do we keep doing this? We go back to the basic spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul. Some of the most important elements are the person-to-person service, the perfection of love, the three pillars, and the five virtues of St. Vincent de Paul. We are called to serve the poor.

2. Response to President Elizabeth Barbieri's resignation

Board President Elizabeth Barbieri resigned on June 8, 2022. Interim President Carole Johnson recommended that she send Elizabeth a letter to acknowledge her resignation, to thank her for all her service, and to wish her well for the future.

Carole has asked Phil Schwab to remain Board Treasurer and John Luth to remain Board Secretary for the remainder of her term as Interim President.

3. Purpose of the original call meeting of the Board – Inform

There had been a formal complaint from an employee of the Council office to the Council's Human Resources department. It was a sensitive matter. There has been no formal action or response by the Board. Elizabeth resigned before this Board meeting was held.

Board members are reminded that any sort of direct or implied retaliation would be illegal and inappropriate.

There were questions to build a better understanding of what happened. There was a recommendation for a legal counsel review, to see what could be communicated appropriately while still providing due respect for the individuals involved. Carole would follow up on that point.

4. Formation of Nomination Committee

The Council Bylaws require that Carole shall, within ten days from receipt of the notice of the President's resignation, convene a Nominating Committee whose duty it will be to initiate the election process. Carole asked John Luth to chair that committee since John had led the prior Nominating Committee. The Bylaws call for a 90-day process in this situation. Anyone is welcomed to be on the committee. Its main tasks will be to establish milestone dates and help oversee the process, which is fairly well established. It will be everyone's duty to help spread the word about the call for nominations. All Vincentians are eligible to run as President. The District Presidents elect the Board President.

The Board approved the appointment of John to lead that committee.

5. Closing Prayer

Ernestine Jackson led the closing prayer.

Submitted by John Luth
SVdP Council Secretary