

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council,
April 27, 2015**

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Jeanne Bitkers, Mary Karls, Leo Schneider, Beth Grebe, Don Holmes, Eileen Diener, Steve Straus, Maureen Stoelb, Bill Thiele, Pam Duessing, Peter Bergman

Unable To Attend: Bill Linn, Steve Scharrer, Sue Sellars

1. The opening prayer was led by Eileen Diener.
2. Steve Straus gave the finance report. Both envelope income and total revenue continue to fall below budgeted levels; expenses were also lower than projected. March ended with a net operating income of \$20,803. The school roof repairs will result in a deficit budget condition for this fiscal year, the 2015/2016 budget, which will be presented to the Archdiocese in mid-May will also be a deficit budget (projected revenue \$735,083, expenses \$768,797). The Parish has restricted funds to cover these deficits; those funds will need to be replenished.
3. Jeanne asked for volunteers to staff the First Weekend Social hosted by the Pastoral Council on May 2/3.
4. Jeanne discussed the timetable for the upcoming Parish elections, to be as follows:
 - ★ May 9/10 – Distribution of nomination forms and presentation at Masses
 - ★ May 16/17 – Nomination forms due to be returned
 - ★ May 18 to May 21 – Nominees are contacted
 - ★ May 27 – Nominee orientation, 5:45 PM
 - ★ June 1 – Biographical information sheets due
 - ★ June 13/14 – Parish elections
5. Jeanne reviewed the North-side Cluster organization options as chosen by Council members: These were:
 - Pastor – One Pastor, with Associate Pastor
 - Deacon – Request a deacon to serve all 3 Parishes
 - Pastoral Staff – Have some shared staff among the 3 Parishes
 - Administrative Services – One certified Director of Administrative Services
 - Parish Offices – Maintain separate Parish offices
 - Catholic School – One school supported by Cluster parishes
 - Trustees – Both would serve on both Finance and Pastoral Councils
 - Pastoral Council – Separate Councils would hold joint meetings
 - Finance Council – Separate Councils would hold joint meetings
 - Committees – Some committees would be shared by the Cluster
 - Shared Ministries – Funding would be a proportional assessment based on number of parishioners

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6. At this time, the Holy Name/St. Clement and St. Dominic Pastoral Councils met as a group in a meeting, facilitated by Randy Nohl of the Archdiocesan Office, to discuss the organization of and goals for our Parish Cluster. The entire group agreed with the parish preferences chosen by the St. Dominic Council members. The discussion then moved to discovering a plan to implement strategies defined in the 2014 Synod.

These include:

- Teaching the structure, symbolism and meaning of the Mass, through the use of multi-media presentations and making our church environments more inviting to Parishioners
- To make sure our weekend liturgies are vibrant and alive, both in music and in message, to appeal to all, especially the lost and those seeking a new beginning
- To increase Faith Formation for Catholics of all ages
- To foster practical, user-friendly strategies that include activities for family members to strengthen and practice their Catholic identity.
- Evangelize to grow Parish membership, build Catholic identity and form members in the essentials of the Catholic Faith.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Monday, May18, at 7:15 PM.
Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 PM.

The prayer leader will be Jeanne Bitkers.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider