

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
August 25, 2014

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

Excused: Bill Thiele

1. The opening prayer was led by Maureen Stoelb.
2. There was no Pastor's report due to the "Town Hall" meeting following this meeting.
3. The Finance Council report was given by Steve Straus. The 2013-2014 Fiscal Year ended with a tentative net operating income of \$39,413. This number may be subject to some minor adjustment but we did end the year on a positive note. July 2014 continued the recent trend of income falling short of budget amounts by \$2,867. This fiscal year looks to be rough due to estimates of \$70,000 to \$80,000 of repairs needed on the school building. More details will follow on these issues.
4. A discussion on the use of the screens in Church to publicize Parish Activities, Events, and Committee Actions was held. The Stewardship Committee has come up with some suggestions in the area. These include the following concerns:
 - ★ This usage could be a distraction for those who wish to pray at this time
 - ★ It may be difficult for media volunteers to run extra slides
 - ★ Volunteers may leave the ministry rather than run these slides
 - ★ Upset Parishioners may take out frustrations on the Media Minister
 - ★ There are no Archdiocesan guidelines for this use of the screens
 - ★ Parishioners may not want the screens used this way

Some proposed guidelines for this type of usage are:

- ★ Do not disrupt the prayerful atmosphere of church
- ★ No more than 2 or 3 slides at each Mass
- ★ Do not use any animation on the slides
- ★ Background colors on the slides should be consistent with those of the weekend liturgy
- ★ Change slides at a very slow speed if more than one slide
- ★ Content of slides should be limited to prayers, accomplishments of different ministries, opportunities for Stewardship, and special announcements. They would also be used to highlight parish activities.

It was also noted that the FFP program has been using the screens in this manner during Teen Masses with no problems or complaints. This type usage has been done in the past but was dropped due to use of animation in the slides. The screens have also been used like this for weddings, funerals, school programs, and graduation. Council will discuss this and adopt guidelines at our next meeting. These guidelines could be implemented at the Masses beginning the First Sunday of Advent. Bulletin inserts will be used to inform parishioners of this before implementation.

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5. Council adjourned to Church for the Town Hall meeting.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 15 at 7:15 PM.

Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Monday, September 22 at 7:00 PM.

The prayer leader at that meeting will be Bill Thiele.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider