

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
July 25, 2016

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Kevin O'Brien, Matthew Rostollan, Peggy Kress, Jeanne Bitkers, David Horner, Steve Scharrer, Ken Sedmak

Unable To Attend: Peter Bergman, Bill Linn, Jane Kautzer, Jane Watry

1. The opening prayer was led by Leo Schneider.
2. There was no parishioner input at this meeting.
3. In his Pastor's report, Fr. Phil stated that there has been some information forthcoming from the Archdiocese on the new "Pokemon GO" game. The word out is that we should simply state that playing this game during any Parish event is not allowed. This should limit any possible liability to us if someone gets hurt. Father said that posting signs to that effect would probably not be a good idea. Also, Fr. Dan Laseki is experiencing serious health issues and we are asked to keep him in our prayers. Fr. Phil had Mary Karls give an update on the Cluster Planning meeting; it was decided that there will be more joint Council meetings to ensure information sharing among the three Parishes. The three, north-side parishes will also be moving forward on publishing one, joint bulletin for the three parishes.
4. Officer positions in the Council were discussed. It was decided that Mary Karls will continue as chair, with emphasis on training Don Holmes to step into her position later this year. At that time, we will elect a new vice-chair. The Secretary position will continue to be held by Leo Schneider.
5. The Committee Liaison assignments for the coming year are as follows:
 - Evangelization Team – Jane Kautzer
 - Seton School – Kevin O'Brien
 - Stewardship – David Horner
 - Prayer & Worship – Ken Sedmak
 - Human Concerns – Bill Linn
 - Cluster Planning – Jeanne Bitkers
 - Faith Formation Program – Peggy Kress
 - Finance Council – Peter Bergman, Matt Rostollan
6. The meeting prayer leader list was passed around the table and members volunteered for various months. Please note that the absent members will need to volunteer for the months of May and June, 2017.
7. The council contact roster was passed around the room and contact information was updated.
8. Mary reminded the Council about the Parish Assessment Meeting on Thursday, September 29, 6:30 to 8:00 PM; and the request to bring another parishioner with you. We are being asked to name this fellow attendee at the August Council meeting, on August 8. Other Parish Committees being asked to attend this event are Finance Council, Prayer & Worship, and Stewardship.

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9. Mary also reminded the group about attending the Evangelization workshop on either September 30 or October 1; and that council members are planning to carpool to these meetings.
10. The August Pastoral Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 8. Immediately following this meeting, at 6:30 PM, we will hold our annual Parish Town Hall meeting, with an ice cream social to follow in the PAC. It was decided that we will limit all presentations by various committees at the Town Hall meeting; so as to hold this meeting to about one hour.
11. Mary passed out copies of the Prayer & Worship survey to Council members. Since some members had not seen the survey prior to the meeting; we will discuss this further at a later date.
12. Committee Reports:
 - A. Evangelization Team – no report
 - B. Seton School – There will be 192 students enrolled at the school this fall; this is an increase of about 20 students over last year. The school is reworking and upgrading its communication system, at a cost of about \$25,000. This will also eventually allow communication from all three parish offices directly to the school office. The Financial management for the School is being transferred from Holy Name Parish and to the School, where the Principal and the new school secretary, who has financial background, will do the financial record keeping. Amy Hinz, the CPA who assists us at St. Dominic's with budgeting and reports, has been retained to assist the school and its Finance Committee as they make this transition.
 - C. Stewardship – Planning for the Fall Festival is moving along well. The committee is still working out some issues with the Parish Census.
 - D. Prayer & Worship – No report (no meeting).
 - E. Human Concerns – no report
 - F. Cluster Planning – see pastor's report, above, item 3.
 - G. FFP – no report
 - H. Finance – No report (no meeting).
13. Mary gave a report on the “Reboot! Live” event coming in December; several members of St. Dominic Parish are on the committee; they working to build enthusiasm for this event.
14. We are all asked to think of goals for our new Council year and be prepared to discuss these at the August 8 Council meeting.

There will be no Executive Committee meeting in August
Our next Council meeting will be on August 8, at 6:00 PM, prior to the Town Hall meeting.
The prayer leader for the August meeting will be Steve Scharrer.
Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider