

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
July, 26, 2015

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Jeanne Bitkers, Mary Karls, Leo Schneider, Maureen Stoelb, Don Holmes, Eileen Diener, Steve Scharrer, Ken Sedmak, Peter Bergman, Jane Watry, Jane Kautzer

Unable To Attend: Steve Straus, Roy Sellars, Bill Linn

1. The opening prayer was led by Leo Schneider.
2. There was no input from the parishioners of St. Dominic Parish. Steve Scharrer brought in two examples of bulletins from other parishes visited during the Mission Trip.
3. In his Pastor's report, Fr. Phil stated that he had hoped that the Pope's Encyclical on the Environment (Laudato Si') would be published in time to be distributed to Council members at this meeting. He said that these will be placed in our mailboxes in the Usher's Room when they become available. Father said he has also read the August issue of "National Geographic" which includes a story on Pope Francis, along with the Pope's picture on the cover. Fr. Phil has also read a book by David Johnson entitled "Peace Be With You"; a discussion of the events of "9/11". Father suggests that it may be a good read for all of us.
4. Peter Bergman gave a brief Finance Report. There is no official report for July; but he did note that the Parish has received a second quote for a replacement computer server. Also, there has been a change in staffing for the Faith Formation Program, a new bilingual staff person, Maria "Lulu" Torres, has been hired, and this may save the Parish a bit in salaries. The year-end Confidential Finance Statement will be ready for presentation at the "Town Hall" meeting on August 24.
5. Jeanne Bitkers shared the North Side Cluster Planning goals for the benefit of our new Council members and stated that the planning committee will need to finalize these goals for presentation to the Archdiocese by mid-September.
6. Jeanne also shared some plans for the possibility of watching the Pope's closing Mass at the end of his visit to the United States on Sunday, September 27. It is hoped that this televised Mass could be shown on the screens in Church for all who would wish to come together to view it. This presentation would also include a Communion Service and a social gathering afterwards. Possible issues include the ability to show such a program in the church space due to technical details and the probability that this event would interfere with the Sunday night high school Faith Formation program.

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7. Fr. Phil discussed plans for the Patronal Feast celebration on August 8, after 5:00 PM Mass. The Dynamos have formed a Hospitality Committee which will serve at this event; this Committee will function under the umbrella of the Stewardship Committee. Father also discussed plans for the Town Hall meeting and distributed a draft agenda for that meeting; to be held at 7:00 PM on 8/24. Council will have a brief meeting at 6:30 PM on that evening, also.
8. There were no Committee reports this month. Vince Karls asked that the phone calling for the Parish Census be wrapped up as quickly as possible. Vince also would like a person to volunteer to assist with the compilation of pre-mass PowerPoint slides when Vince is not available to do them.
9. Jeanne stated that she is working with Don Holmes and Laura TeWinkle to draw up revised procedures for the nomination and election of Pastoral Council members. These would need to be written into our Council Bylaws.
10. Council officer elections were held, with the following results:
 - Chair – Mary Karls
 - Vice-Chair – Don Holmes
 - Secretary – Leo SchneiderCouncil committee liaison assignments were also completed as follows:
 - Faith Formation – Eileen Diener
 - Stewardship – Maureen Stoelb
 - Worship – Ken Sedmak
 - School – Roy Sellars
 - Finance – Steve Straus, Peter Bergman
 - Evangelization – Jane Kautzer
 - Human Concerns – Bill LinnThe last item of member assignments was the leader of Opening Prayer at each meeting. A volunteer is still needed for the June, 2016 meeting. At this time, Steve Straus, Roy Sellars or Bill Linn could sign up for this task.
11. In other business, Maureen stated the Emmaus Meal at the Salvation Army facility on Saturday, December 5 will be a Tripartite Project, staffed by members of St. Dominic, St. Peter Lutheran and Grace Episcopal Churches. There will be a sign-up for this at the next Council meeting.
Peter stated that the revamped Parish Web Site is up and running. He welcomes suggestions for content and improvements.

Our next Executive meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 PM.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, August 24, prior to the Town Hall meeting.

The prayer leader at that meeting will be Eileen Diener.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider