

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
March 28, 2016

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes Leo Schneider, Jane Kautzer, Eileen Diener, Jane Watry, Steve Straus, Jeanne Bitkers, Maureen Stoelb

Unable To Attend: Peter Bergman, Ken Sedmak, Roy Sellars, Bill Linn, Steve Scharrer

1. The opening prayer was led by Jane Watry.
2. In parishioner input, several people from out-of-town who attended Easter services commented on how nice the celebration was. There were concerns that we ran out of palms on Palm Sunday; this was due to incorrect ordering. It was stated that we should invite the other parishes and Faith Communities to the presentations of the “Living Stations”.
3. A brief discussion was held on the need for doing a Parish Stewardship Assessment; the consensus was that this is needed in our Parish but that we would need to postpone this process until September due to other commitments and the nearness of summer activities.
4. The Council briefly discussed the reflection questions from the January Synod Newsletter and will continue these discussions at our next meeting.
5. In his Pastor’s Report, Fr. Phil stated that part of the funds (\$1,000.00) paid to attorneys to represent Parishes in the Archdiocesan bankruptcy proceedings have been refunded, in the amount of \$477.77. The Archdiocese is also working through a process to alleviate the priest shortage; it is unsure, at this time, how this process will affect our cluster group.
6. Steve Straus gave the Finance Council Report; giving has improved to the point where funding is only 1% below the amounts budgeted, while expenses are down about 14%. It was also noted that Mass attendance was up 17% over last year at this time.
7. Don Holmes gave an update on the Parish Elections process. The members of the elections committee are Don Holmes, Bill Linn, Eileen Diener and Kathy Pluskat. Nominations will be accepted in April and the elections are scheduled for the weekend of May 14 and 15.
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. Evangelization – no report
 - B. Seton School – no report
 - C. Stewardship – The Parish Census process is expected to be completed by March 31. The annual Time and talent weekend will be held on May 7 and 8. The committee is actively searching for a Chairperson for the Fall Festival.
 - D. Prayer and Worship – no report
 - E. Human Concerns – The Poinsettia Project went very well this year. The Dominic Dynamos will host the Engaged Enrichment Day on April 9; at this event the

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- Dynamos will be mentoring the Elizabeth Ministry Committee, who will host this event in the future.
- F. Cluster Planning – The “24 Hours of Prayer” event went very well with 85 to 90% of all time slots being filled. This committee suggests that we consider on-line sign-up for other, similar, events, such as Holy Thursday Adoration, as this process was well received. The committee is exploring ways to continue the “Year of Mercy” activities and message. The next District (Deanery) meeting will be held at St. Dominic on Saturday, April 16; all Council members are encouraged to attend.
- G. Faith Formation – The annual Mardi Gras celebration with FFP students was successful, with about 50 children attending. This committee has also overseen a successful “First Eucharist” Retreat and the Mission Trip pancake breakfast. Attendance has also increased at the 6:00 PM Youth Mass.
9. Mary Karls reminded the Council that we are hosting the First Weekend Social on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1. Volunteers will sign up for this event at our next meeting.
10. Our next meeting is scheduled to be a joint meeting with the Holy Name/St. Clement Pastoral Councils; on April 25. The meeting will be in Dominican Hall at St. Clement Church.
11. Holy Name Parish is planning an event named “Reboot! Live!”; to be held on Thursday, December 15, at Holy Name Parish. The guest speaker will be Chris Stephanick. The contact person for this event is Olivia O’Keefe.
12. Holy Name Church will be undergoing extensive renovations this summer; with the last scheduled Masses on Sunday, April 3. Plans are to have these renovations completed in October. All Holy Name Masses will be held at St. Clement Parish Church; we may expect to see some Holy Name Parishioners here at our Masses this summer.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 PM.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, April 25.

The scheduled prayer leader is Jane Kautzer.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider