

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council**  
**September 26, 2016**

**Present:** Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Kevin O'Brien, Jane Kautzer, Matthew Rostollan, Peggy Kress, Jeanne Bitkers, Ken Sedmak, Steve Scharrer, Peter Bergman

**Guest:** Gina Brown

**Unable To Attend:** Jane Watry, David Horner, Bill Linn

1. The opening prayer was led by Matthew Rostollan.
2. In parishioner input, a suggestion was made that we take a look at all signage around the facility and replace those signs that are outdated or may be looking a bit timeworn.
3. Gina Brown gave a report on Seton School. Enrollment this year is up 30 students, to 196, over last year. Standardized test scores continue to exceed those of most other schools in the area, particularly those of public schools. There are several programs in place for students to do community outreach;
  - ★ Grades 5K, 1, and 2 prepare snacks for students at Grant Elementary School
  - ★ Grades 3, 4, and 5 participate in activities at the Sheboygan Senior Center
  - ★ Grade 6 students work in our North Side Food Pantry
  - ★ Grade 7 assists with cleaning activities at the St. Vincent de Paul facility
  - ★ Grade 8 assists with meal preparation and distribution at the Salvation Army CenterAlso, the school has a very active Home and School Association with at least one major function scheduled each month.
4. There was no Pastor's report.
5. Mary Karls reminded Council members of the meeting Thursday, 9/29 regarding the Parish Assessment.
6. Peter Bergman gave the Finance Report. For August, our net operating surplus was above the budgeted number, total income was a bit below budget, while envelope revenue was about the same as last year. Year-To-Date envelope revenue is about \$14,700 above last year at this time. Total income is a bit higher while expenses are lower than anticipated. Attendance is about the same as last year. Due to issues with our phone system, the Finance Council is considering contracting with a new service provider.
7. The results of the Prayer and Worship Survey were discussed. During this discussion, several ideas were presented:
  - ★ Set up a "Parishioner Input" table at First Weekend Social events
  - ★ Identify parishioners who have moved to other parishes and invite them to return to St. Dominic
  - ★ Give "Shout Outs" to those who do a good deed or offer special assistance to the Parish Family; this has been implemented and is being accomplished by Ann Scharrer, who puts these messages in the bulletin.

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8. Mary Karls and Don Holmes will meet with Pat Dinolfo of Holy Name/St. Clement Pastoral Council to plan for our joint, October meeting. Our combined Councils will also hold a joint Christmas social on Tuesday, January 3, to be held at St. Dominic.
9. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. Evangelization Team – no report
  - B. Seton School – Denise Goebel has joined the Finance Committee for the school.
  - C. Stewardship – The proceeds from the Fall Festival, while not finalized, were similar to those from last year. The committee asks the Pastoral Council to assist in the search for a Festival Chair for 2017.
  - D. Prayer & Worship – see discussion on P&W Survey, above
  - E. Human Concerns – The Bell Ringing group (for Salvation Army) received an award for their service last year.
  - F. Cluster Planning – The Cluster Committee will meet at St. Dominic’s on Wednesday, September 28.
  - G. Faith Formation Program – this committee would like our parish to work harder at spreading our faith, beginning with young children. We also should have programs geared toward special-needs children. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the “Reboot! LIVE” program in December. Fall FFP classes are just getting under way so there is nothing to report on these classes.
10. Jeanne Bitkers shared a list of “5 things we should always do at Mass”. These suggestions were made by Council members at a previous meeting and will be presented as messages on the screens before Mass. They are:
  - ★ Thank others for celebrating with us
  - ★ Talk to someone you do not know or would not ordinarily talk to
  - ★ Say “Hello” to those you see on the way in
  - ★ Sit in a different location and greet “new” people
  - ★ Invite former parishioners to visit and worship at St. Dominic
11. Mary reminded us to plan on attending the “Reboot! LIVE” conference in December; we may see her to purchase tickets.
12. We will be working on our Parish goals one at a time; more information will be forthcoming on this topic.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, October 24 at 6:30 PM, at St. Dominic; this will be a joint meeting with the Holy Name/St. Clement Council. The scheduled prayer leader for the October meeting is Peggy Kress.  
Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider