

St. Dominic Pastoral Council

September 22, 2014

Minutes

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

Excused: Leo Schneider

1. The opening prayer was led by Bill Thiele.
2. Pastors Report:

Fr. Phil met with Pastor Kristen Berglund, new pastor of St. Peter Lutheran church (our neighbor across the street and member of Tri-partite.)

Bill Linn will be Fr.'s guest for liver & onions, at Shuff's this Thursday evening! Bill 'won' this dinner by having the correct number of attendants at the recent Town Hall meeting.

Tammy Kuhnen resigned as Music, Liturgy & Media Director, August 25th, effective immediately (August 31st.) A search committee has been formed and ads are out. Fr. Phil received the first application today.

Sister Betty Uchtyl is resigning as Principal at Seton School effective October 15th. There will be a school board meeting this Wednesday (9/24/14) at which time a Search Committee will be formed. It is hoped that they will have someone in place by February 2015. In the meantime, two teachers have been identified to act as "co-principals"; if search goes beyond February, an interim principal will need to be named.

3. Dianne Marshall

Youth Formation Program is changing: a Mass, at 5:00 p.m., will be part of the program with a prepared meal after Mass. These meals will be held down in the basement of the FFP building. To promote community involvement, Dianne is asking church organizations to prepare the meal. Organizations may choose the type/menu of meal, whether the prep will be on-sight, pot-luck or carried in (i.e. pizza.) She reminded the Council to keep the menu simple but quantities large!

The St. Dominic PC will prepare the meal for YF February 22, 2015; the menu will be discussed at our October meeting.

4. Finance Council Report – Steve Straus

Al Jante resigned as Chair of the Finance Council; Steve Straus is the new Chair and Peter Bergman is the recording secretary

Steve referred the Council to his written report highlighting the following updates:

- Garbage disposal has not been repaired – yet;
- DW needs a new booster heater at a cost of approximately \$1500; it also needs a new thermostat and sensors (~\$500). Steve wants to get further quotes.
- FF building – the grout & caulking around the windows must be redone and needs to take priority on repair list of things to be done.
 - More quotes/bids are needed for roof repair & removal of towers.
- Rich Meyer, who had been volunteering at Calvary Cemetery, is retiring from those duties

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- The new city-wide RCIA director is part-time; each of the six parishes will be providing \$3,000 towards her salary. This amount was not in the parish budget.

5. 2013-2014 Pastoral Council Goals

The Pastoral Council goals for 2013-14 were:

- To form a new Prayer & Worship Committee: a committee co-chaired by Kathy Pluskat and Ann Scharrer has been formed; other members are Lori Moengenburg, Pat Schmidt, Tom Henning, Ron Spaulding and, Fr. Phil. One task of Prayer & Worship Committee will be in the evaluation of liturgies.
 - The PC will need to discern a liaison to Prayer & Worship Committee.
- Communicate the functions of the various committees and ministries beyond oral announcements and the bulletin. In discussions with the Stewardship Committee, using the media to help convey information of ministries & committees activities in our parish. There are a number of guidelines that need to be considered in preparing information for media use.

6. 2014 – 2015 Pastoral Council Goals

- Embrace change (s).
- Jeanne suggested we all review *Rebuilt* to assist us with formulating goals for this next year.
- We will also use goals from the July retreat.

7. Other Committee Reports

- Human Concerns has formed Hospitality Group (eleven people!). The Hospitality Group will be in charge of all the special parish (social) functions involving food.
- Faith Formation: there are 70 9th & 10th graders; 44 confirmation students; and, approximately 500 elementary children. October 19th will be the Faith Formation Mass followed by a potluck.
- Evangelization – the city wide “E” team is talking about having a fall workshop. There will be a two day Call & Gifted workshop in February.
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 24th; enrollment is 165.
- First Weekend Social – PC has rescheduled to January (?) Elizabeth Ministry is doing October.

8. Holy Name & St. Clements are planning a day long retreat – are wondering if St. Dominic would like to join/be a part of. To be discussed at future meeting.

9. Steve Straus asked the Council if there was any interest in the MPS choir coming to St. Dominic’s once a month until we have a new Music Director.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Our next meeting is a joint meeting with Holy Name & St. Clement; St. Dominic is host. We will begin at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sellars
Secretary Pro-tem

