

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Meeting in Dominican Hall
Minutes 8-27-18

Present: Father Matthew Widder, Father Gideon Buya, Jeanne Bitkers, Pat Dinolfo, Tom Dinolfo, Rosa Flores, Mary Greeneway, Steve Heun, Don Holmes, Vince Karls, Michele Konrad, Peggy Kress, Kym Leibham, Joe Leonard, Kate Nienhuis, Mary Petrie, Jeremy Rauwerdink, Steve Scharrer, Maureen Stoelb, Bea Van Geffen

Excused: Vern Baus, Brad Bulkow, Tom Clarke, Rhonda Fouts, Laura Graney, Jane Kautzer

Chairperson Jeanne Bitkers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Jeanne thanked previous co-chairs, Pat Dinolfo and Don Holmes, for their service. Council members were asked to introduce themselves. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Father Matthew, read the Mission Statement, and Jeanne offered the Opening Prayer. The prayer included the Scripture quote, "Do whatever he tells you."

Michele Konrad, vice-chair, explained the concept of "Circle Time." Circle Time offers an opportunity to speak freely in a safe environment. Participants are led by a facilitator and may speak only when they hold the "talking piece." There should be no negativity and confidentiality is required. The "Talking Piece" is passed and responses can be made when holding the "talking piece." The group participated in Circle Time using the theme of "Do whatever he tells you."

During Circle Time, our new Director of Youth Ministry, Jacqueline Guilbeault, joined us. Jacqueline is a graduate of Viterbo University where she majored in Spanish and Theology.

There was a short recess. The group enjoyed root beer floats and welcomed our new Pastoral Council members: Steve Heun, Kym Leibham, and Bea Van Geffen.

The training video, "A Call to Serve: Ministry, Mission and Method" is postponed to the September meeting.

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The meeting reconvened and the minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting were approved as written. The Consent agenda was approved.

Jeanne circulated a document clarifying the role of the Finance Councils.

Pastors' Reports:

Father Matthew complimented the theme of the meeting, "Do whatever he tells you." He reported that Seminarian Raphael Roxas has returned to Loyola University in Chicago. The annual seminary dinner will be on September 28. A bus will be provided between Sheboygan and Milwaukee. With regard to staffing issues, church secretary Mary Petrie will work a reduced number of hours starting in January 2019. The role of Director of Administrative Services has been budgeted and will be discussed with the Finance Councils. A new member of the parish may take the role of coordinating R.C.I.A. Father encouraged everyone to listen to his homily on the website regarding the sex abuse scandal. We need to address the pain and sensitivity of all abuse, while calling for justice and accountability.

Father Gideon asked for prayers at this challenging moment for the church. He asked us to pray for the church, for priests, and for a deep sense of healing. He also reported that 55 parishioners went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. It was a prayerful and peaceful day.

Old Business:

Laura Graney will give a progress report in September about the Refugee Immigrant Project. At that time the council can determine whether it should be sent to Human Concerns or to a subcommittee.

New Business:

The calendar for the year will be sent out. Generally, the meetings are the 4th Monday of the month with some exceptions. There will also be a retreat for the council this year led by Father Pat Heppe. Please sign up to be a liaison to a committee. There are four standing committees: Human Concerns, Prayer and Worship, Faith Formation/Evangelization, and

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Stewardship. Also sign up for Opening and Closing prayer. A copy of the Appendix and Norms that have been adopted will be circulated in September.

Upcoming events: (Special thanks to the church secretaries, Mary, Laura, and Briana for keeping us up-to-date with the church bulletin.)

- Holy Name Church building - 150 years old - special Mass and Day of Thanksgiving with adoration on October 14. Recognition of the pastor who built the church, Father Haider.
- Holy Name Parish - 175 years old in 2020
- Hispanic committee at St. Clement is selling raffle tickets to benefit the "Campaign for the Next 100 Years." There are three sets of sports packages with limousine ride to a Packers, Brewers, or Bucks Game. Tickets are \$20 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Raffle drawing is Sept 29 in the PAC at St. Dominic.
- K of C are having a Charity Fish Fry
- St. Dominic Fall Festival is September 16. Celebrations continue for the 90th anniversary. There will be a Polka Mass, food, fun, and prizes.
- St. Dominic Human Concerns is sponsoring "Undie Sunday" and collecting underwear for the military.

Next meeting: September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Dominican Hall

Reports for the Consent Agenda are due by September 15.
Please send to laura9326@charter.net

Closing Prayer: Father Gideon offered the closing prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Laura Graney, recording secretary

