

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
February 27, 2017

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Leo Schneider, Peggy Kress, Matthew Rostollan, Jeanne Bitkers, Jane Watry, David Horner, Kevin O'Brien, Peter Bergman, Steve Scharrer

Guest: Ellen Platz, Natalie Mueller

Unable To Attend: Don Holmes, Ken Sedmak, Jane Kautzer

1. The opening prayer was led by Jeanne Bitkers.
2. Natalie Mueller gave a brief description of an event to be hosted by our parish on May 12 and 13 called the "New Evangelization Summit". This conference will take place on Friday evening and all day Saturday and will be streamed live from a site in Canada into our church. The Archdiocese will provide funding for the promotion and publicity on this event and will also assist with costs associated with providing lunch and refreshments on Saturday. The fee to attend this conference will be \$35.00 per person.
3. Matthew Rostollan gave the Finance report. The parish continues to receive more Sunday and envelope revenue than budgeted and expenses continue below budgeted levels. The Finance Committee is working with Committee and Department heads to put together a budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. There is a good possibility that there will once again be a surplus at the end of this fiscal year and Finance is working with Buildings and Grounds to prioritize needed repairs and improvements around the complex.
4. Mary Karls briefly discussed the parish elections for Pastoral Council. There will be 5 positions open for which we will need candidates. Jeanne Bitkers suggested that we use discernment to choose Council members rather than an actual election; that item will be discussed further at the next meeting. In light of Don Holmes' health issues, Leo Schneider is to contact Don and discuss procedures for beginning the candidate nomination process.
5. Mary discussed the Lenten "Soup and Gospel" series of Lenten studies being held on Tuesdays during Lent, at Dominican Hall at St. Clement Parish; volunteers from our Council are needed for this event on March 21. Several volunteers are still needed.
6. Committee Liaison Reports:
 - A. Seton School is actively seeking candidates for the position of Principal.
 - B. The Stewardship Committee is reading the book "Everyday Stewardship" in an effort to define the meaning of stewardship to us all.
 - C. Prayer and Worship is planning the completion of the "Synergy of the Spirit" quilt, which will be on display in the church vestibule. They also wish to set up a mentoring program for new parishioners to integrate them into parish activities. On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners will be asked to stand and greet one another. Lenten activities include volunteering as helpers at the Ash Wednesday and

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Holy Thursday Masses, the soup and gospel series, Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, and promoting the “1% Challenge” during Lent.

D. Human Concerns is promoting two pilgrimages this year, the first on May 25 to Our Lady of Good Hope and the other on October 5 to Holy Hill.

E. The North Side Cluster Committee has received instructions from the Archdiocese that all Parish Groupings are not to include the word ”cluster” in their group name. Our group’s name is to be “Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes”. All three churches are participating in the “1% Challenge”, as well as the Three Priests Charity Collection. The committee is discussing ways to improve communications among the 3 churches as well as with the parish members. They would also like to reform the joint Evangelization Committee.

F. Faith Formation is hosting the Mardi Gras celebration for youth on February 28 and will present the Living Stations on March 12 and 15.

7. In his pastor’s report, Fr. Phil touched on several items. At Seton School, Principal Gina Brown is resigning that position due to personal issues. Father related that he celebrated his 5th anniversary with our parish in January that he will be 69 this spring, and that he should be able to serve one more, 6-year term as pastor before his mandatory retirement at age 75. The Archdiocese is reporting that there are positions open for 12 priests this year and only 6 priests available to fill these positions. With that in mind, he will apply to fill the vacant pastor position at St. John the Baptist (Plymouth)/St. Thomas Aquinas (Elkhart Lake) this year. This means that our three parishes will implement the “2020 Plan”, which directs our structure with one pastor and one associate pastor. This also dictates that we implement a new Mass schedule for the three parishes that reflects one less Priest to celebrate weekend Masses. This will also affect the number of weekday masses at our three parishes. Father Phil plans to announce this to our parish on the weekend of March 11 and 12.
8. The next joint meeting of the North Side Pastoral Councils will likely be in April.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 9, at 6:00 PM.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, March 27, at 6:30 PM.

The scheduled prayer leader at that meeting is Don Holmes.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider