

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
January 23, 2017

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Kevin O'Brien, Ken Sedmak, Jeanne Bitkers, Jane Watry, Peter Bergman, Steve Scharrer, David Horner

Unable To Attend: Jane Kautzer, Matthew Rostollan, Peggy Kress

Guest: Ellen Platz

1. The opening prayer was led by Ken Sedmak.
2. There was no parishioner input at this meeting.
3. In his pastor's report, Fr. Phil welcomed Kevin back to our meetings after his recent health issues. The Seton School Board will meet on January 24. Amy Hinz is now in sync with all Seton School functions and has taken over the finance functions at Seton. The three, north side priests are to meet next week to discuss changing Mass schedules at the north side parishes. They will consider parishioner input and interweaving the north side schedule with that of the south side parishes in determining a new schedule.
4. Peter Bergman gave the Finance Report. The month of December ended with a larger operating surplus than was budgeted, due to slightly higher income and lower expenses. Year-to-date income is slightly below budget while envelope revenue is significantly higher. YTD expenses continue to be lower than budgeted, leading to a larger surplus than was planned.
In response to a question, Peter stated that the Seton School operating budget is supplied by the three parishes; Holy Name-40%, St. Dominic-35%, and St. Clement-15%. The amounts are computed after deducting all monies raised through fund raising and tuition. This payment from St. Dominic is included in our annual budget numbers.
Peter also stated that the annual budget process has begun and the committee hopes to have all input to this process by the end of March.
5. Jeanne Bitkers discussed the findings of the January 18 meeting concerning our suggested parish goals. These include:
 - A. Communications – sharing our parish story and communicating within our parish
 - B. Gratitude – put more value on the actions of standing committees
 - C. More opportunities to encounter Christ
 - D. Healing
 - E. Discipleship – learn our Faith, live our Faith, lead others to our FaithMuch discussion concerned communications within our parish and how or what to improve. Goals need to be set for the Pastoral Council and for the standing committees. Concerns were also voiced about the possibility our "Parish Identity".
6. Due to the amount of time spent on item "5", it was decided that we would begin discussions of the Parish Assessment results at a later date.
7. There were no other liaison reports at this meeting.

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8. Under "Other Business", Mary Karls stated that we will likely see another joint council meeting with Holy Name and St. Clement Parishes in March.

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

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

The prayer leader at that meeting will be Jeanne Bitkers.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider