

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
June 26, 2017

Present: Fr. Matthew Widder, Fr. Gideon Buya, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Maureen Stoelb, Jane Watry, Brad Bulkow, Laura Graney, Ken Sedmak, Peggy Kress, Kate Nienhuis, Jeanne Bitkers, Kevin O'Brien, Steve Scharrer

Guests: Benjamin Grey, Mike Short, Ann Scharrer

Unable to Attend: Mary Karls, Vince Karls, David Horner, Jane Kautzer, Matthew Rostollan, Peter Bergman

1. The opening prayer was led by Peggy Kress.
2. Don Holmes welcomed the incoming Council members - Maureen Stoelb, Laura Graney, Kate Nienhuis, Brad Bulkow and Vince Karls; and expressed appreciation and best wishes to outgoing members Mary Karls, Leo Schneider, Peter Bergman, Jane Watry, and Matthew Rostollan.
3. There was no parishioner input at this meeting.
4. In his Pastor's report, Fr. Matthew expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome shown to himself, Fr. Gideon and to Benjamin Grey. He also reminded the Council to stay true to our patron, St. Dominic and to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
5. In the Finance report, Steve Scharrer noted the repair projects being completed thanks to an unexpected surplus in our parish budget. These include:
 - ★ Concrete steps replacement on the east side of church
 - ★ Replacement of cracked transformer pad
 - ★ Sidewalk repair at the NE corner of the church
 - ★ A/C repairs in the Admin Building
 - ★ New plumbing fixtures in the school (basement) restrooms
 - ★ Replacement of carpeting in three school classrooms
 - ★ Remove old wallpaper, repair walls and repaint halls on south, west sides of church
 - ★ Replace lamps in church with new, LED lighting
 - ★ Refurbish lighting in school basement (former gym area)
 - ★ Review needed changes to facility phone system
6. Committee liaison assignments were decided upon as follows:
 - School Board – Kevin O'Brien
 - Stewardship – Maureen Stoelb
 - Prayer & Worship – Ken Sedmak
 - Human Concerns – Laura Graney
 - Finance Council - Brad Bulkow, Matthew Rostollan
 - Faith Formation - Peggy Kress
 - Evangelization- Kate Nienhuis
7. The positions of Co-Chair and Secretary will remain open until the August meeting of the joint, provisional Council. Don Holmes will serve as the St. Dominic Council Chair.
8. It was decided that the discussion of parish goals and our parish assessment should also be taken up with the provisional council at a future date, as our three parishes should work together on these issues.

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9. Don reminded council members of the provisional council norms (rules) approved by our council last month and provided members with copies of those norms.

10. Liaison Reports:
 - A. Seton School – The board heard the “state of the school” address and welcomed their new principle. They were also informed that Seton School has scored very high in testing and is one of the top schools in the state.
 - B. Stewardship – The “Time & Talent Survey” process is mostly complete; the committee is evaluating this process. Upcoming events include the Parish golf outing on July 23, the Fall Festival on Sept. 17 and the Financial Pledge Drive in October. Once again, the Fall Fest does not have a general Chairperson. Events being planned include a volunteer appreciation event, a possible local, adult mission week, and the Parish 90th Anniversary in 2018. Their next meeting is on June 30.
 - C. Prayer & Worship – This committee will investigate the purchase of DVD’s of the New Evangelization Summit for use by our parish. They are working closely with Fr.’s Matthew and Gideon on the leadership transition regarding their preferences for celebrating Mass. This group’s meeting will change to the 2nd Monday of the month to better accommodate Fr. Matthew’s schedule. Their next meeting is on Aug.14.
 - D. Human Concerns – Nothing new to report
 - E. Faith Formation – no report
 - F. Deanery – Jeanne explained the structure of the Deanery; Deaneries are groups of parishes in a specific geographic location. We are in district 10, which includes Sheboygan and Fond du Lac counties; there are 9 other districts (Deaneries) in the Archdiocese. Fr. Phil is the “Dean” of our district, appointed by the Archbishop to oversee the Sheboygan/Fond du Lac Deanery. There is also an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of two representatives from each of the 10 Deaneries. The deanery meets twice a year in April and October; each parish should have two representatives to the deanery meeting; and our council vice-chair is our pastoral council representative to the Deanery meeting.

11. We will hold our annual Mass and ice cream social honoring St. Dominic on Tuesday August 8, the feast day of St. Dominic. Our joint Councils will meet on Monday, August 28, at 6:30 PM, in the Aquinas Rm.

12. Other Business Items: To Be Discussed
 - Possible Council retreat in December
 - Council Christmas party, either 12/7 or 1/4/18
 - Set up committee to form revised Council norms
 - Maintain and expand activities with Tripartite Parishes
 - St. Dominic 90th Anniversary in 2018
 - Volunteer recognition event (?)
 - All provisional Council meetings will be held at St. Dominic facility

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider

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