

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council**  
**June 27, 2016**

**Present:** Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Ken Sedmak, Eileen Diener, Steve Straus, Maureen Stoelb, Steve Scharrer, Jeanne Bitkers

**Unable To Attend:** Roy Sellars, Jane Kautzer, Jane Watry, Bill Linn, Peter Bergman

**Guest:** Natalee Mueller

1. The opening prayer was led by Don Holmes.
2. There was no parishioner input at this meeting.
3. Natalee Mueller gave a brief description of the program “REBOOT! Live!” to be held at Holy Name Parish in December. This will take place on Thursday, December 15, from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The program features guest speaker Chris Stefanick and is designed to ignite new passion and resolve in the minds of all who attend. This program has similar goals as “Catholic ID”; that is to create a sense of discipleship in all who hear the message. The difference is that Catholic ID takes time to spread the message while “REBOOT! Live” presents its message all in one night. Our parish is being asked to assist in reaching out to all in the area to spread the news about this program; in other words, to publicize the event. All Christian adults are encouraged to attend.
4. In his report, Fr. Phil discussed the ruling by the Supreme Court striking down the Texas Abortion Law which is very similar to the one in Wisconsin. This will have a profound effect on abortions and the process thereof in our state. Father stated that Pope Francis has indicated that we must not only look at abortion, euthanasia, and birth control; we must also factor into the equation immigration, poverty, health care and quality of life. Father also stated that his duties as Temporary Administrator of St. John and St. Thomas Aquinas Parishes will continue for the immediate future.
5. Steve Straus gave the Finance Council report. The month of May finished with a net operating surplus of \$38,795 versus a projected budget deficit of \$30,251. Finance is scheduling some needed facility repairs for June, using this surplus, so as to cover these costs in the current fiscal year and thus have a balanced budget for next year. Also, church attendance is up about 7%. There will be no Finance Council meeting in July.
6. Pastoral Council will decide committee liaison assignments at our July meeting due to low attendance at this meeting.
7. Mary Karls reminded Council members of the Evangelization workshop in Milwaukee on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see her previous email for information on this event and sign up if possible. Members are encouraged to carpool to these meetings (you only need to attend one or the other, not both).
8. The St. Dominic Parish annual Town Hall meeting will be on Monday, August 8, at 6:30 PM. Council will hold an abbreviated meeting prior to this at 6:00 PM. There will be no regular Council meeting in August. The annual “ice cream social” will follow the Town Hall meeting, in the PAC.

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9. Committee Reports:
- A. Evangelization – no report.
  - B. Seton School – The school secretary is retiring, a replacement for her has already been designated. The new person has a background in Finance and will take over the finance reporting for the School Board. This will bring the Finance function back into the School. Amy Hinz will assist and advise the Finance functions and operations for at least one year to ensure that all goes well. Mary Gruber has been hired as the new, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher.
  - C. Stewardship – The results of the Time and Talent survey are being tabulated. The annual Parish Golf Outing will be in August and the Fall Festival will be in September. Vince Karls will be the Chair for this Festival.
  - D. Prayer & Worship – This committee has received requests for prelude music before mass; either instrumentalists or on CD. The group feels that departing parishioners should be acknowledged. Ken Sedmak will provide a copy of the results of the P&W survey to Leo Schneider, for distribution to all ongoing and new Council members. Pastoral Council Members; this will be discussed at our July meeting. Prayer & Worship will not have a meeting in July.
  - E. Human Concerns – no report.
  - F. Cluster Planning – There seem to be several Evangelization programs in progress at Holy Name/St. Clement Parishes. St. Dominic seems to be looking at Parish Structure while Holy Name/St. Clement seem to be looking at programming. The other two parishes have had some staff and committee personnel changes that may contribute to this lack of involvement and cooperation. The Cluster Plan needs to be reinforced and put back on track. There was an extended discussion on the leadership of the three parishes needing to set priorities in achieving the cluster plan and goals as drawn up two years ago. Jeanne is of the opinion that an annual review of the submitted Cluster Plan may be a good venue to keep staff and new/continuing Council leadership “on track” with this plan.
  - G. Faith Formation – The Vacation Bible School program served 106 youth, with many adult and teen volunteers assisting. The program used the church and the video system for its opening and closing sessions and this went very well.
10. Plans are being made to hold a volunteer recognition dinner next spring, around the time of Mardi Gras.
11. The Council said goodbye and thank you to outgoing members Maureen Stoelb, Eileen Diener, Steve Straus, and Roy Sellars. The remaining two-year term for Roy will be fulfilled by new member Dave Horner.
12. At our July meeting, we will need to decide committee liaison assignments, meeting opening prayer assignments, and hold officer elections. All are asked to attend this important meeting.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Thursday, July 14, at 6:00 PM.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, Jul 25, at 6:30 PM.

The prayer leader at the next meeting will be Leo Schneider.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider