

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council**  
**March 23, 2015**

**Present:** Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Jeanne Bitkers, Mary Karls, Leo Schneider, Sue Sellars, Beth Grebe, Don Holmes, Maureen Stoelb, Bill Thiele, Bill Linn, Eileen Diener, Steve Scharrer, Peter Bergman

**Unable to Attend:** Steve Straus, Pam Duessing

1. The opening prayer was led by Bill Linn.
2. In his Pastor's report, Fr. Phil discussed issues with our insurance carrier and how they are treating coverage for contraception-related items.
3. Peter Bergman gave the report for the Finance Council. Parish income continues to be below both the budgeted amounts and income amounts from one year ago. Due to lower-than-anticipated expenses, we did end February with a positive net operating income. The Council continues work on the new budget and hopes to finalize the new budget in April. The repairs to the school roof have begun and will be billed entirely to the 2014-2015 budget year, meaning that our parish will end this fiscal year with a deficit. Discussions are in progress with Northern Sound to discover proper upkeep schedules for the sound/video system. The school is in need of a new computer server; the Council is waiting for one more bid on this item.
4. Mary Karls gave a report for the Stewardship Committee regarding the Parish Census. About 380 census forms were filled out; the remaining forms will be mailed to addresses of record and may be returned to a collection point in the Gathering Space. Those forms that do not generate a response will be followed up by phone contacts.
5. The April Council meeting will be a joint meeting with the Holy Name/St. Clement Pastoral Council, in the auditorium at Seton Catholic School, on April 27. It was decided that we would meet at 6:00 PM to discuss any business for our Council before the joint meeting begins at 6:30 PM. This meeting will begin planning our north side, cluster activities and collaboration concerning the implementation of the goals of last year's Archdiocesan Synod. The meeting will be facilitated by a representative from the Archdiocese, either Randy Nohl or Mark Kemmeter.
6. In a brief discussion of our 2014-2015 Council goal of furthering Discipleship, it was decided that we would plan this at the joint Council meeting next month.
7. The Council discussed an event to show appreciation for what is accomplished by those who volunteer for various duties in our Parish. A volunteer appreciation event could be held along with the Feast of St. Dominic celebration (Ice Cream Social) on August 7 (Saturday night), after 5:00 PM Mass.
8. Committee Reports:
  - A. Faith Formation - The committee is polling parents on concerns with class instructional content. They are also working to change the format of retreat experiences to make them more meaningful to the students.

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- B. Worship - Planning continues for our Holy Week Services, one concern is getting volunteers from the congregation to come forward for the foot-washing portion of the Holy Thursday Mass.
  - C. Evangelization - The recent "Called and Gifted" workshop had 128 attendees; 38 from the south side parishes, 40 from out-of-town, and 48 from the north side. The remaining two did not give a Parish affiliation.
  - D. Human Concerns - The recent Emmaus Meal served 170 people, about 70 people per week use our Food Pantry, and 100 families received gifts from St. Vincent de Paul at Christmas. The Dynamos are looking forward to further discussion on the Muslim religion with Fr. Phil at their April meeting.
  - E. School - no report
9. The nominating committee members for the upcoming Council elections in May are Kathy Pluskat, Bill Linn, Don Holmes (consulting on election process), Sue Sellars, and Pam Duessing. Outgoing Council members are Don Holmes, Pam Duessing, Bill Thiele, and Beth Grebe.
10. In other business, there will be a new member reception after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 20, at 7:15 PM.  
Our next meeting will be a joint Council meeting on Monday, April 27, at the Seton School Auditorium; we will meet at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider