

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
March 27, 2017

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Peggy Kress, Matthew Rostollan, Kevin O'Brien, Jeanne Bitkers,

Unable To Attend: Ken Sedmak, Steve Scharrer, Peter Bergman, David Horner, Jane Kautzer, Jane Watry

Guest: Tom Henning

1. The opening prayer was led by Don Holmes.
2. There was no parishioner input at this meeting.
3. Tom Henning spoke of a request from the Prayer & Worship Committee. They are looking for volunteers to participate in the foot washing ceremony at our Holy Thursday Mass. Those willing to do so should contact Tom or any member of that committee.
4. In his Pastor's report, Fr. Phil said that he has heard, on at least two occasions, concerns that St. Dominic Parish will be closing when he leaves the parish this summer. This is not true and is only an unsubstantiated rumor. Fr. Phil will be working with Fr. Matthew for the next three months to make the transition to two priests go as smoothly and as seamlessly as possible. Father also wished to emphasize that candidates for the upcoming Council election should "love" and "support" their parish in this time of transition and be willing to facilitate the changeover process. Father also reported that the Trustee position held by Jane Watry will become vacant and need to be filled by a qualified candidate thru the election process. He further stated that there are several major repair projects in the works that should be completed before the end of this fiscal year.
5. Matthew Rostollan gave the Finance Report. Income continues to outpace expenses and the resulting positive cash flow will be used to do needed repairs and updating to the facility. These include the replacement of the concrete pad under the power transformer for the facility, several improvements to the lighting system in church and possible repairs to the hallway walls behind the altar and at the priest's and server's sacristy areas. The replacement of the damaged concrete steps on the east side of the church is also being looked at for completion before the end of this fiscal year.
6. The Pastoral Council election process was discussed. Don Holmes, Kevin O'Brien, Leo Schneider and Eileen Diener will form the election committee. Announcements for the election and nomination forms for candidates will be presented at all Masses on April 1 and 2.
7. The Council members reviewed the report of the Stewardship Assessment done last fall. Some of the actions called for in this report are already being implemented; others will need to be addressed at upcoming Council meetings.

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8. Jeanne Bitkers discussed goals for our three, north side parishes. These include:
 - ★ Improve communications within the three parishes, especially concerning those decisions that affect all three parishes
 - ★ Address **STEWARDSHIP** opportunities in our three parishes
 - ★ Publicize **EVANGELIZATION** events in the community
 - ★ Promote active involvement in parishes after Confirmation
 - ★ Promote service opportunities at Seton School
 - ★ Continue Adult Formation programs across all three parishes
 - ★ Plan for needed changes to parish operations with one less priest in our parish group

9. The Council discussed planning for the future with one less priest in our parish group. In an effort to answer parishioner questions and concerns as to the future of our parish, it was decided that St. Dominic will hold a “Town Hall” meeting on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 PM, to provide information to all interested parishioners about the upcoming transition to a three-parish group with two priests. Father Matthew Widder will attend this meeting, along with Fr. Phil.

10. The Council meeting in April will be a joint meeting with the Council of Holy Name/St. Clement on April 24; a major topic at this meeting will be the implementation of our parish group’s “2020 Plan”.

11. Committee Reports:
 - A. Seton School – see attached meeting report
 - B. Stewardship – this group will meet on March 30. Note that in early April, Beth Hoegger will take over the production of the pre-mass slides on the screens.
 - C. Prayer & Worship – see attached meeting report
 - D. Human Concerns – no report
 - E. North Side Parish Group Committee – no report
 - F. Faith Formation – no report
 - G. Evangelization – no report

The next Council meeting will be a joint meeting on Monday, April 24, at 6:30 PM

The scheduled prayer leader is Mary Karls.

The next Executive Committee meeting date is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider