

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council  
November 24, 2014**

**Present:** Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Jeanne Bitkers, Mary Karls, Leo Schneider, Don Holmes, Maureen Stoelb, Eileen Diener, Steve Straus, Pam Duessing, Peter Bergman, Steve Scharrer, Bill Linn, Bill Thiele

**Excused:** Sue Sellars, Beth Grebe

**Guest:** Jim Mlsna

1. The opening prayer was led by Don Holmes.
2. Several Council members reported that they had heard favorable comments about the music at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, November 23. The gospel-style music was very uplifting and meaningful to our parishioners.
3. In his Pastor's Report, Fr. Phil stated that Beth Hoegger has been hired as our new Director of Music. This will be a full-time position. Father also said that the format for the joint, north side, Pastoral Council meeting to be held on April 27, 2015, has changed. Bishop Hying, who was scheduled to give a presentation at this meeting, has been named Bishop of the diocese in Gary, Indiana. He will not be available for that meeting.
4. There was no report from the Finance Council, as they have not yet had their meeting this month.
5. Jim Mlsna, chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, gave a report on repairs to Parish facilities and equipment. Items budgeted for or which have come to the committee's attention in 2014 include:
  - Repairs to church pews, \$2900
  - Window replacements on north & south sides of Admin Building, \$7,366
  - Garbage disposal in school kitchen, \$1,340
  - Booster heater for school kitchen dishwasher, \$845
  - Booster heater installation and repairs to dishwasher, \$1,040
  - East church entrance doors next to usher's room, \$3,195
  - Repairs and caulking of all school building windows, \$6,400
  - Parish pickup truck repairs, \$975
  - Removal of both leaking towers on school roof, \$36,675
  - Replacement of entire school roof, \$29,300

\*The school roof replacement and tower removal will take place in 2015 but could be billed to the 2014 budget. Competitive bids for these two projects are being sought.

Repairs that will need to be budgeted in 2015 include:

  - Replace windows on east side of Admin Building, \$9,668
  - Replace two more sets of doors in church building, \$7,000
  - Replace old windows around church entrance doors, \$2,000 per set (5 sets, total)
  - Replace 6 to 8 old fire extinguishers, \$600
  - Install needed outlets in church, \$400
  - Install new wiring and replace several bad exit lights in west hallway, \$1,180

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6. In January, 2015 we will hear a report from the Worship Committee. In February the Human Concerns Committee will report to Council.
7. As a continuation of the Synod Process, there will be a meeting of Districts 8 and 9 in Fond du Lac on February 7 at Holy Family Parish. This meeting will explore the implementation of goals and priorities brought forth at the Archdiocesan Synod last June. St. Dominic is to send 8 delegates to this meeting; we have 4 at this time. Also, as part of the Synod Process, our north side cluster parishes are to formulate a plan for parish collaboration and submit it to the Archdiocese by September, 2015.
8. The St. Dominic Pastoral Council responsibility is to help ensure that different aspects of Church are integrated and connected. We do this by providing oversight and suggestions to Council Standing Committees, with emphasis in specific areas. In 2014-2015 these are Worship, Stewardship, and Evangelization. In 2015-2016, these will be Human Concerns and Faith Formation. As part of this process, Don Holmes has been named liaison to the newly-formed Worship Committee. On February 27, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM and on February 28 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM; a workshop, entitled "Called and Gifted", is being presented by the north side Evangelization Team. All Council members are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop as a day of reflection and renewal. This event will be held at St. Dominic Parish.
9. Committee Reports:
  - Faith Formation - no report
  - Stewardship - The Fall Festival made a profit of \$10,457, up about \$3,860 from last year. The committee is searching for one additional co-chair; as a current co-chair will be out-of-town on that weekend. The committee is also seeking suggestions for more game options for the festival. Only 41% of printed tickets for the festival were picked up by parishioners; perhaps a Parish census would help cut the costs of unneeded ticket printing. Also, the presentation of informational slides will begin on the church video system on the weekend of November 29/30.
  - Human Concerns - The Emmaus Meal team is looking for additional volunteer help. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is working to control disbursements so as to be able to assist more people. The Food Pantry is seeing an increase in program participation. St. Dominic parishioners will ring the bells for Salvation Army at the west Pick and Save store December 1 through the 6. Poinsettia plants will be delivered to parishioners on December 13 and 14.
  - School - an interim principle has been appointed to lead Seton School through the remainder of this school year. Interviews for a new principle will begin in late winter or early spring.
10. Other Business: Steve Straus reminded Council that the "Making Spirits Bright" program at Evergreen part does benefit our Food Pantry through the donation of non-perishable food items. All Council members and parishioners are encouraged to view the display and donate to the cause.

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It has come to the attention of Council that those who use the school kitchen may not be cleaning up after themselves. All are reminded that cleanup after an event is part of the process of using the kitchen facilities.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, January 26, at 6:30 PM.

The scheduled prayer leader is Pam Duessing.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 19, at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider