

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council**  
**November 28, 2016**

**Present:** Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Peggy Kress, Jeanne Bitkers, Peter Bergman, Ken Sedmak, Jane Kautzer, Steve Scharrer, David Horner

**Unable To Attend:** Kevin O'Brien, Jane Watry, Matthew Rostollan

1. In the absence of David Horner, the opening prayer was led by Peggy Kress.
2. There was no parishioner input at this meeting.
3. In his Pastor's report, Fr. Phil expressed concern that the liaison to the School Board at Seton School, Kevin O'Brien, had not been attending meetings. It was stated that Kevin has some ongoing health issues and that this is the reason he has not attended these meetings. In the interim, Jane Kautzer will attend the December board meeting and Jeanne Bitkers will plan on attending the January and February meetings. It was also brought to our attention that Bill Linn has asked to resign from the Council. Mary will attempt to find another parish member to fulfill the balance of Bill's term on Council. Don Holmes volunteered to attend the Human Concerns Committee meeting in February. Finally, Council members are encouraged to take advantage of on-line Pastoral Council member training to be found on the Archdiocesan web site.
4. Peter Bergman did not bring a formal report from the Finance Council; however, he did state that projections for the balance of the fiscal year look good, and that both giving and Mass attendance appear to be on the rise. He also related that some maintenance and repair projects are being deferred to fiscal year 2017 due to the costs involved.
5. Liaison Reports:
  - A. Evangelization Committee – no report
  - B. Seton School – The date for the Mane Event has been set, April 22; and this event will take place at Seton School, rather than at the St. Dominic PAC.
  - C. Stewardship – The annual pledge drive will be held the weekend of December 3 and 4. The "Wish On A Star" program will once again take place between now and Christmas. This committee has received the results of the Parish Assessment; these will be emailed to all Council members for study and will be discussed at our next Council meeting.
  - D. Prayer & Worship: This report is attached to the email with the minutes.
  - E. Human Concerns: Carla Dirks is leaving the position of co-chair of this committee; Mary Gruber will take her place. Projects being done by this committee include:
    - Free turkeys for Thanksgiving, as well as giving of other food items
    - Filling volunteer positions for "Making Spirits Bright"
    - The "Tree of Hope" collections
    - The Elizabeth Ministry prayed the rosary before Masses in October and also hosted the engaged enrichment day
    - Scheduled middle and high school students to assist with the Emmaus Meals
    - St. Vincent de Paul is assisting with electricity and gas bills for those in need
    - Tim Eirich gave a presentation before the Dynamos
    - A \$300.00 donation was given to SASPOP from St. Dominic Parish
    - Assist IC Parish with the free ecumenical Thanksgiving dinner

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- Sign up volunteers for the Salvation Army bell ringing campaign, 12/5 to 12/10
- A program called “working bread basket is being held on Saturday mornings at Sheboygan Christian School; patrons present a pay stub and receive free bread
- The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to supervise a winter shelter at their facility during the overnight hours. Concerns were raised about the time commitment needed for this project

F. North Side Cluster Committee – this group is working to create a joint, 3-parish bulletin and also to set up a shared Cluster web site. Projects being planned include the “One Percent Challenge”, to spend 1% of our day in prayer; a cluster-wide Lenten project; and “24 Hours of Prayer” on Holy Thursday. This committee is seeking input on future agenda items from the Pastoral Councils, Committee Chairs and all Parish staff.

G. Faith Formation Program – This committee reviewed the successes and challenges of ongoing program items and reports that First Reconciliation will take place at Holy Name parish on December 3 and at St. Dominic Parish on December 6.

6. Mary reminded the Council that our joint Christmas Gathering with the Holy Name/St. Clement Councils will take place on Tuesday, January 3. Mary will send out details of this gathering.
7. In other business, a concern has been reported from the ushers that the screen used for private reconciliation on Saturday afternoons is rather unwieldy. They are looking for suggestions for an alternate screen that would either be foldable and wall-mounted or would be moveable on casters. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

At this time, the Council moved into a joint meeting with the Holy Name/St. Clement Council to explore methods for our parishes to work more closely with each other.

There will not be a December Council meeting.

There will be a joint, holiday party on Tuesday, January 3.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on January 12 at 6:00 PM.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM.

Please read and give thought to the parish assessment (sent to all by Mary Karls) prior to our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider