

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
October, 27, 2014

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

1. The opening prayer was led by Eileen Diener.
2. There was no parishioner input at this Council meeting.
3. In the Pastor's report, Fr. Phil stated that the interview committee has reviewed the applications of three people for the position of Director of Music at St. Dominic Parish. One of those candidates has been unanimously selected by the committee and Fr. Phil is working through the hiring process.
Father also told the Council about the upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration of St. Clement Parish on Saturday, November 22. Archbishop Jerome ListECKi will be the main Celebrant at the 4:30 Mass, with a dinner to follow. Council members wishing to attend need to contact Fr. Phil to make reservations for the dinner.
4. Steve Straus gave a brief review of the most recent Finance Council meeting. The net operating surplus for September was slightly above the budgeted amount; however, income continues to lag behind projections. Steve mentioned numerous repair projects around the complex:
 - The garbage disposal replacement in the school kitchen is awaiting parts
 - Parts are also on order for the repairs to the dishwasher
 - Work has begun on replacing more of the window units in the Parish Office
 - A lift needs to be rented to replace light bulbs in church
 - The church door replacement project is on hold and waiting for updated costs; the original doors that were quoted are no longer available
 - An updated sound system has been installed in the school basement
 - The tower removal and roof repairs to the school building will be postponed until spring due to the lateness of the season
 - A fire inspection of the complex has been completed; we need to replace several, non-functional exit signs; this will involve electrical work
 - The floor scrubber for the gym and Gathering Space is in need of repairs; the batteries will not charge
 - A railing has been installed on the step leading into the south door to the breezeway
5. A discussion on the responsibilities of the Worship Committee was held. It is felt that definite goals need to be defined for this group. The Worship Committee needs to work closely with the Evangelization Team while keeping in mind that the "E-Team" is a three-parish collaboration. Both groups need to work together to maintain a common focus. The "E-Team" is now working on a "Called and Gifted" workshop series; as well as a seminar on "Intentional Discipleship" which focuses on the life of Jesus. We are to recall that Evangelization is reaching out to former parishioners and inviting them back to our Parish. Participation in Masses and Parish activities may preface the return of these "fallen-away" members.

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6. In other business, there are several items of note:
- The Council needs a liaison to the new Worship Committee, interested persons should contact Fr. Phil
 - Agenda items need to be presented to Jeanne Bitkers by the 15th of the month to be considered at that month's Executive Committee meeting
 - The Faith Formation dinner after 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday evening February 22, 2015 will be hosted by the Pastoral Council. Members will need to be available to assist with this event.
 - Council members are reminded that we will host the First Weekend Social in May, 2015
 - All future Council meetings will begin at 6:30 PM

At about 7:20 PM, our Council joined with the Councils of Holy Name and St. Clement Parishes for shared discussion. The following topics were covered:

- Fr. Phil gave a report on Elizabeth Ann Seton School, including progress toward the hiring of a new principal
- Our Councils will hold a joint meeting on April 27, 2015; at which time our guest speaker will be Bishop Hying
- Fr. Matthew discussed a joint Pastoral Council retreat to be held on February 27 and 28, 2015
- The councils divided into four small groups and examined our shared Catholic Identity and how to strengthen this aspect of our parishes
- Also discussed was Evangelization and how we may increase efforts and effectiveness in this area
- A third topic of discussion was how to make our parishes more welcoming and how to strengthen our faith and share it with others

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, November 24, at 6:30 PM

The scheduled prayer leader is Don Holmes

Our next Executive Committee meeting is Monday, November 17 at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider