

**Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
September 28, 2015**

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Mary Karls, Don Holmes, Leo Schneider, Maureen Stoelb, Jane Watry, Jeanne Bitkers, Steve Scharrer, Jane Kautzer, Roy Sellars, Bill Linn, Steve Straus

Unable To Attend: Eileen Diener, Peter Bergman, Ken Sedmak

1. The opening prayer was led by Mary Karls.
2. There were two items brought up under parishioner input. There have been comments from several people that, at \$5 per ticket, the raffle tickets for Fall Festival cost too much and that the Fall Festival Committee should consider lowering these prices. Also, when there are issues with the media system and there is no media presentation on the screens, the ushers should be more proactive in passing out Missals to all in Church.
3. In his Pastor's Report, Fr. Phil stated that he and Fr. Matthew will begin "pulpit swapping" this coming weekend, October 3 and 4. Fr. Phil will be at Holy Name/St. Clement Churches and Fr. Matthew will be here at St. Dominic. This is in anticipation of a reduction of one priest (Fr. Carlos) at the north-side parishes next summer. A thank-you note was received from Pat Dinolfo, chair of the Holy Name/St. Clement Pastoral Council, thanking us for presenting the Papal Mass at our facility and for the gracious and warm hospitality during that event. Brooke Downing and others are busily planning for the Seton School fundraiser, the Mane Event, to be held next spring. They are hoping to receive a donation of a new car as the 1st prize for the event's main raffle.
4. Steve Straus gave the Finance Council Report. Due to the meeting moving to the 2nd Tuesday, the August and year-to-date information for the month of August were not available. It was noted that the deficit on the Confidential Financial Statement for 2014/2015, was lower than the amount given at the annual Town Hall meeting. This was due to timing revisions for bill processing and reporting.
5. In a report on activities of the Stewardship Committee, it was noted that the seminar on "Increased Financial Giving", that was to be attended by members of Stewardship and Finance, has been postponed to 2016. The parish census project is still going on; there are issues with contacting parishioners who have changed their phone numbers. Vince Karls is working on a pledge card to be sent to all parishioners so that we may better plan our parish income. The Council agreed that these cards should go out to parish members by early December. Roy Sellars and Peter Bergman will post a census form on the Parish web site so that members may fill it out and submit it electronically.
6. Committee Reports
Worship – They are reviewing the results of the "worship survey" done last spring. They are also planning additional, "drop-in", choir dates to entice new members to all

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three choirs. Ron Spaulding is formulating a Parish Organizational Chart, with personnel pictures.

Evangelization – This committee is brainstorming ideas for future events and seminars.

School – Seton School has 166 students enrolled this year. A “Back-To-School” night is being planned for the entire student body. Staff is also laying the groundwork to become a “Blue Ribbon School For Academic Excellence”; high math and reading scores are needed to achieve this honor.

North-side Cluster Planning – There will be a meeting on October 7 to develop strategies to fulfill the cluster plan goals.

7. Kathy Pluskat has resigned from the Evangelization Team; Jane Kautzer has stated that she would be willing to join that committee, representing St. Dominic Parish.
8. Fr. Phil led a discussion of future Sunday Mass schedules for the north-side parishes. We all know that Fr. Carlos will be leaving next June. Mass times for the north-side parishes will need to be adjusted as we will have only two priests at three churches. It has been suggested that we coordinate our Mass schedules with those of the south-side parishes to provide additional options for Sheboygan Catholics to attend Mass. We would need to consider the number of masses on each weekend, Mass times, and special events taking place at a particular Parish. We also need to include input from parishioners of all three churches; this should not be a unilateral, “top-down”, decision. Our Pastoral Councils will be discussing this subject in the coming months.
9. The next combined Pastoral Council meeting for north-side parishes will be on Monday, October 26, at the St. Dominic facility. It will begin with separate meeting sessions at 6:30 PM and the Councils will merge for a joint meeting at about 7:30 PM. St Dominic Council members were asked to sign up to bring snacks for this meeting.
10. Holy Name Parish is planning an “Arise” event in December; this is a dynamic form of Adoration. Our Council members are to view this as a biannual retreat event and should plan on attending.
11. The September 27 presentation of the Papal Mass went very well; 75 to 100 people attended. No problems were observed during this event.
12. Council members were asked to share phone numbers with other Council members. A sheet was passed around for all to list their contact information.
13. A joint Pastoral Council Christmas Party is being planned for Thursday, December 10; to be held in Dominican Hall at St. Clement Parish.
14. In other business, Fr. Phil stated that Fr. Dan Laseki has some health issues and will not be able to say Mass for 4 to 6 weeks. We must all be aware that there are fewer

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priests to attend to our Parish needs. There will be an email in the near future asking for workers for the December 5 Emmaus Meal at the Salvation Army Facility.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 22, at 6:30 PM

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The prayer leader for the October meeting is Maureen Stoelb.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider