

Minutes, St Dominic Pastoral Council
April 22, 2013

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Jeanne Bitkers, Kathy Pluskat, Leo Schneider, Peter Bergman, Eileen Diener, Maureen Stoelb, Don Holmes, Mike Short, Sue Sellars, Pam Duessing, Vince Karls, Mary Karls, Beth Grebe, Carla Schommer, Bill Thiele
Excused: Mary Calteaux, Greg Spaeth, Steve Straus, Brett Goebel

1. The opening prayer was led by Kathy Pluskat.
2. Fr. Phil asked about the date for our May meeting, since our regular meeting night on the 4th Monday (the 27th) is Memorial Day. It was decided that we would meet on Tuesday May 28th at 6:30 PM, instead.
3. Due to his expected late arrival, Steve Straus sent his Finance Council report to all Pastoral Council members by email. Year-To-Date figures are as follows:
 - Envelope revenue is up by 3.1% over budgeted amounts
 - Expenses are \$56,000 below budget
 - Income is \$31,000 below budget
 - Church attendance is up about 7.5% over last year at this time.Income continues to be below the levels of last year. The Council is continuing the development of a new budget
4. A. The Executive Committee made final changes to this Council's operating Appendix at its meeting on April 15th. After some discussion, a motion was made by Peter Bergman, seconded by Beth Grebe to accept this document as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
 - B. A process for allowing Parishioners to present agenda items to the Council for consideration was discussed. It has been decided that agenda items should be presented to the Executive Committee before their regularly scheduled meeting, typically on the 3rd Monday of the month. These items would then be brought before the Council for action.
 - C. The notification of Parishioners about Council meetings and minutes available to be read was also taken into consideration. Meeting dates, both of the Executive Committee and of the Council, would be published in the bulletin along with the list of Council members. Occasional announcements as to the availability of Council minutes on the Parish web site would also be made.
 - D. A concern had been raised over the process used to revise and approve the monthly Council minutes. The Executive Committee has decided not to change this process at this time.
5. A. The Council has decided that it would hold joint meetings with the Pastoral Council of Holy Name/St. Clement Parishes about twice a year. This to keep the lines of communication opens with our fellow cluster parishes.

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B. Fr. Phil distributed to the Council copies of the newly published Pastoral letter by Archbishop Listecki, "Who Do You Say That I Am?" Along with this document there is a discussion/study guide. Council and staff will study these documents in depth during the month of May. These documents will be made available to all parish members in Fall. The thoughts and teachings presented in this letter will lead into the Archdiocesan Synod, planned for 2014.

6. Committee reports:
 - A. The Worship Committee had nothing new to report.
 - B. The only item to be reported by the Human Concerns Committee was that the proceeds from Project Rice Bowl this year were \$2,044.16.
 - C. The Christian Formation Committee had nothing new to report.
 - D. The Stewardship Committee is finalizing the format of the Time and Talent booklet, it is hoped to present these to the Parish in May. There will be a meeting with the publishers of the Parish Directory in early May; this project will be starting shortly after that date. Several people have come forward to assist with the leadership of the Fall Festival.
 - E. The Evangelization Committee is continuing to plan a "Morning of Reflection" series in Fall; these meetings are meant to include all North Side Parish members.
 - F. The school Board has nothing new to report.

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 - A. The St. Dominic parish Town Hall meeting is planned to be held on Thursday night, June 13th, at 7:00 PM, in Church. Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to:
 - Annual Reports from all Standing Committees
 - The Financial status of our Parish
 - Operation of the North-Side Cluster Parishes after the retirement of Fr. Jim Connell
 - A discuss of Evangelization
 - An open comment forum for all interested parishioners

 - B. Our parish Mission, to be led by Fr. Michael Goodavish, will be held in October; beginning with the Saturday night Mass on October 12th. The session after the Sunday night Mass will be geared toward teens, the Monday and Tuesday night sessions will be for adults, and the Wednesday night session will be for CFP youth. All sessions will be repeated the following morning, for those unable to attend that night.

8. The status of our "Provisional" Council was discussed in depth. The Council, in its current form, will continue to operate through the month of June. At that time, this Council will be reduced to 12 at-large and 3 ex-officio members (Fr. Phil and the two trustees). After discussion and comments from Council members, it was discovered that Mary Calteaux and Mike Short do not wish to continue as members of this Council. A process was then utilized to choose which remaining members would continue to serve on this Council and the length of their terms.

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The new Council, as of July 1, 2013, will have the following members:

One year term - Peter Bergman

Mary Karls

Leo Schneider

Kathy Pluskat

Two year term - Don Holmes

Bill Thiele

Carla Schommer

Pam Duessing

Three year term - Eileen Diener

Steve Straus

Jeanne Bitkers

Maureen Stoelb

Members leaving will be - Vince Karls

Greg Spaeth

Beth Grebe

All current Council members are asked to please attend the May and June meetings if at all possible.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28th, at 6:30 PM in the Aquinas Room.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider