

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
June 24, 2013

Present: Fr. Phil Reifenberg, Jeanne Bitkers, Kathy Pluskat, Leo Schneider, Beth Grebe, Don Holmes, Maureen Stoelb, Bill Thiele, Steve Straus, Sue Sellars, Carla Schommer, Mary Karls, Eileen Diener, Mike Short, Pam Duessing

Excused: Peter Bergman, Brett Goebel, Mary Calteaux, Greg Spaeth, Vince Karls

1. The opening prayer was led by Steve Straus.
2. The Pastoral Council discussed a procedure by which parishioners would be allowed to address the Council on various topics.
A time would be set aside immediately after the opening prayer in which interested parishioners would identify themselves and then have three minutes to state their concerns or comments to the group. The Council would not be required to act or respond to this input immediately as the proposal or comment could then be directed to the appropriate Committee for further action and response at a later date. If someone could not attend the Council meeting, they could instead submit a written comment to any Council member who would then present this at the meeting and respond back to the parishioner with details of any action taken.
This procedure will be in place at all future Council meetings.
3. Fr. Phil reported the passing of Edie Morrison's father, Ervin Korlesky.
4. Steve Straus presented the report for the Finance Council.
In May, envelope revenue was down 2.2%
Income was \$47,968, \$244 below budget
Expenses were \$44,318, \$12,938 below budget
This left us with a net income for the month, rather than a deficit.
Year-to-Date, compared to budget:
Envelope revenue is up 0.3%, or \$1,617
Income is \$628,612, down \$34,812
Expenses are \$551,043, down \$82,112
Net income is \$77,569, \$37,000 above budget
The final budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year was presented to the Council for review. With the CFP subsidy from the other two, north side parishes, it projects a net income of \$65,395.
The Finance Council is reviewing the rental policies for the PAC.
5. The Council once again broke into 3 small groups to discuss the balance of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Letter, "Who Do You Say That I Am?" The Council then reconvened and discussed the remainder of this document.
6. Ongoing Agenda Items:
There were no further items to follow up on from the "Town Hall" meeting held in June. Mike Short commented that the meeting should have been called the "Annual Parish Meeting"; Fr. Phil feels that the term "Town Hall" makes the attendees more comfortable in giving input at the meeting.

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7. New Agenda Items:
 - A. It was decided to keep our meetings at 7:00 PM on the 4th Monday of the month.
 - B. Don Holmes will be the new liaison to the Human Concerns Committee; Eileen Diener will be the liaison to the CFP Committee.
 - C. Fr. Phil discussed the process for presenting the Pastoral Letter to all parishioners in Fall; he also talked briefly about the Synod to be held next year. He stated that the version of the Letter presented to the parishioners would be a bit more understandable to the average lay person. The Letter in its current form is somewhat of a difficult read.
 - D. Our patronal feast on August 8th will begin with a 6:00 PM Mass; an ice cream social will follow in the PAC.
 - E. This Council will replace its regular July meeting with a Saturday morning planning/goal-setting meeting; with place and date to be determined.
 - F. Carla Schommer has suggested that we begin each meeting with a short, faith-sharing session. This process will be explored at our July gathering.

8. Committee Reports:
 - A. Worship Committee - No report.
 - B. Human Concerns - the Advent Tree and other Advent projects are set to go this fall. The other two, north side parishes run most of the same programs that we do in this area; there are no new suggestions for activity by this committee. This group will participate in the "Christmas in July" bell ringing campaign for the Salvation Army to raise needed funds for their Emergency Shelter.
 - C. Christian Formation - No report.
 - D. Stewardship - sign-ups are going very well for the Parish Directory picture sessions. There was a great response to the Time and Talent sign-up. Plans are proceeding nicely for the Fall Festival.
 - E. Evangelization - No report.
 - F. School Committee - Tim Roose will be the new representative from St. Dominic on the School Board.

9. Other Business:
 - A. Mailboxes have been set up for all Council members in the Ushers' Room; please check for mail on a regular basis.
 - B. A committee has been formed to plan a thank-you celebration for Don and Jane Lydolph. Members are: Mary Karls, Maureen Stoelb, Pam Duessing, and Sue Sellars.

Our next meeting is being planned, date and time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider