

Minutes, St. Dominic Pastoral Council
November 26, 2012

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

All members were in attendance, there were no guests present.

1. The opening prayer was led by Kathy Pluskat.

A sign-up sheet was passed around and members were asked to volunteer for opening prayer at each meeting, through June 2013. These are as follows:

January - Eileen Diener
February - Bill Thiele
March - Carla Schommer
April - Mary Calteaux
May - Maureen Stoelb
June - Steve Straus

There will be no need for opening prayer at the December gathering due to the “Evening of Reflection” activities.

2. A discussion was held concerning approval and distribution of Council minutes. It was decided that the completed minutes would be distributed to Council members via email and the members given several days to respond with corrections. After that time period, revised minutes would be sent out and a majority of members would need to respond within 3 days as to approval or disapproval of the “final” minutes. Once that approval has occurred, approved minutes would be distributed to the parish office and to the parish web site administrator for posting on the parish web site. They would also be printed and posted on a kiosk in the Gathering Space in church. It was also agreed that the agenda for each Council meeting would be posted on a kiosk in the Gathering Space, prior to the weekend masses, on the weekend preceding the scheduled Council meeting.
3. Our December meeting will involve an “Evening of Reflection”, with Tom Tomaszek as the presenter. The topic will be “Gabriel’s Message”. This meeting will run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Aquinas Room. It was agreed that all members would meet at 6:30 PM for a social gathering prior to this event; Council members signed up to bring various snack items to this gathering.
4. Jeanne Bitkers presented two versions of our Parish Mission Statement to the Council members. We are to consider the appropriateness of either version or suggestions for changes at the January meeting.
5. Jeanne Bitkers asked that we all consider a list of goals for our Council, to be accomplished between now and June, 2013. We will discuss these at our January meeting, also.
6. Pastoral Council Liaison positions were announced as follows:
Prayer and Worship Carla Schommer

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Christian Formation	Eileen Diener, Don Holmes
Human Concerns	Mary Calteaux
Stewardship	Vince & Mary Karls, Maureen Stoelb, Pam Duessing
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School	Bill Thiele
Finance Council	Members From the Pastoral Council: Steve Straus Peter Bergman
Evangelization:	Beth Grebe
District 9 Committee	Council Officers: Jeanne Bitkers Kathy Pluskat Leo Schneider
Synod 2014	A process to select these parish representatives will take place in the future.
Tripartite Committee	No one at this time.
Members unassigned:	Mike Short, Greg Spaeth

Unassigned Council members may be asked to serve in some way at a future date. The Finance Council has changed its meeting night to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. A discussion ensued on the Evangelization Committee. This is a new group that is in its formative stages and involves all three north side parishes. A question that was raised was; “will this joint committee be a communication group to each parish or the nucleus of a full, north side, evangelization committee, with no separate parish teams?” Steve Straus made a motion, seconded by Greg Spaeth that this group moves forward as the core of a combined committee. The motion passed with unanimous approval. The liaison, Beth Grebe, is to communicate questions and concerns between our Council and this new committee.

7. In the near future, because of the number of priests who are available to serve in parishes, Fr. Phil told the Council members that there may be additional need/desire for the North Side parishes to work together. Our Parish Council and the council of Holy Name/ St. Clement have met together several times in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Our next gathering is Monday, December 10, at 6:30 PM.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2013; at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Leo Schneider