

St. Dominic Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016

Present: Fr. David Reith, Don Drees, Kurt Peot, Jim Palzewicz, Meg Siehr, Michael Peterman, Fr. John Gibson, Karen Chaffee, Michael Klinker, Nora DeLise, Ryan Grusenski, Michael Ricci, Jill Fischer
Excused: Mark Otten, Jerry Buting

1. Opening Prayer - Kurt
2. Finance Council Update/Budget Process - Karen Chaffee
 - a. Karen reviewed the parish budget and commented that the debt pay down as a result of the capitol campaign is working like we hoped it would.
 - b. Karen talked about the Finance Council's budget process and how they have incorporated the parish mission, vision and the goal of increasing mass attendance. When the budget was considered the focus was not on "spending the same, a little less, or a little more than last year". The focus was on implementing a strategy to make our goals a reality.
 - c. The biannual parish audit by the Archdiocese was conducted. They review internal control procedures and finances. Based on their findings we will remain on our current two year cycle.
3. School Mission Statement - Jill Fischer
 - a. Jill commented that she has been working with the School Advisory Committee on a new mission and philosophy statement for our school. The students and teachers are encouraged to say and understand the mission, so they can live it. Don asked for a vote from the Pastoral Council on using this mission statement and philosophy. The Pastoral Council approved by consensus. The parish will be informed in the family folder and the bulletin.
4. March meeting minutes approved by consensus
5. Evangelization and the Sunday Mass follow up.
 - a. Don reviewed notes on a parish gathering to review Evangelization and the Sunday Mass. A target date for this gathering is May 4th or 11th. What now? We discussed what to work on now and that groups and commissions need to work together.
 - b. Fr. Dave commented that we should consider sending parishioners at large or commission leaders to the training the Archdiocese is offering this fall. Jim commented that this was a

good idea but we should also do something sooner rather than wait.

- c. A discussion ensued about how to get the various commissions to take on the leadership role and collaborate with each other.
 - d. Michael Klinker reviewed the leadership of the commissions and the steps needed to complete the commission structure.
 - e. It was suggested that we go to the commissions and discuss our goals on Evangelization and the Sunday Mass. Ask if they need direction or guidance to help implement these. We also need to give them freedom to work alone or with other commissions.
6. Pastoral Council Nomination
- a. Jim presented the list of nominees and reviewed the dates for orientation, discernment and appointment.
7. Chair comments
- a. Don discussed the fall retreat dates for the Pastoral Council retreat. He also discussed having more of a traditional retreat or taking time for strategic planning as we have been doing on the last couple of fall retreats.
 - b. Don commented that Amy Whittenberger will be attending our May meeting to discuss performance objectives and update us on the safety and security of the campus.
8. Pastor Comments
- a. Fr. Dave commented that a number of parishioners expressed that the lenten experience was good this year.
 - b. The check from the lenten outreach collection will be presented at this weekends masses. Fr. Dave thanked Mary Lestina for all of her hard work.
 - c. Inquiries and resumes for the director of youth position will be taken until April 29th.
 - d. Fr. Dave thanked all of the Pastoral Council members who came to the new parishioner dinner. He said the comments from the new parishioners were good and reinforcing.
 - e. Fr. Dave posed the question - how do we connect with first year parish members, and keep them involved?
 - f. Festival leadership met, and Fr. Dave noted new membership. He is looking forward to the event.
 - g. Fr. Dave noted that Queen of Apostles will be closing their school after 60 years. He asked that we keep them in ours prayers.
 - h. Fr. Dave mentioned the celebration that will be held at the Country Springs Hotel for his 40 years of priesthood.

9. Associate Pastor comments

- a. Fr. John noted that he enjoyed the stewardship at the new parishioner dinner and hearing the stories of evangelization by our current parishioners.
- b. Fr. John expressed a passion to create contact with people of the parish.
- c. Fr. John described his pizza dinner with junior and senior high schoolers as a good experience. He commented that they were on fire with their faith, and that he felt it was good to establish a relationship with them.
- d. Closing prayer - Kurt

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Siehr