

St. Dominic Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

11 August 2016

Present: Fr. Dave Reith, Mark Otten, Jodee Tlachac, Kurt Peot, Michael Ricci, Mark Gundrum, Mario Montalbo, Meg Siehr, Megan Anderson

Excused: Fr. John Gibson, Jerry Buting, Jim Palzewicz, Jeff Sladky, Nora DeLise,

1. Opening Prayer: Mark Otten
2. Minutes unanimously approved with changes.

Additional Pre-Agenda Comments from Father Dave

- Per Nora DeLise's health and resultant resignation: he recommended completion of initial medical procedures to offer Nora opportunity to complete final year, as opposed to seeking immediate replacement.
 - Per Kurt Peot's resignation (as per his entry into Deacon program as aspirant): he welcomed Mario Montalbo to the Council and offered reminder that Mario went through the discernment process in May.
 - Per Kurt Peot's new role as aspirant:
 - Father Dave said he is pleased at the culture of vocations.
 - Father Dave explained that this is Kurt's year to discern if he is "entering into the spirit of" and thus he must forego perceived "distractions" such as Pastoral Council.
 - Father Dave offered Kurt an approach to his reduced involvement as Confirmation leader.
3. Expectations for PC Members (discussion of Archbishop Listecki's video)
 - a. Father Dave asked for reaction to video and what we observed or found meaningful.
 - b. Meg Siehr commented that it reinforced for her that we are "doing a really good job."
 - c. Mario Montalbo commented that his perception before had been that Father had been "running the show," and the video helped him realize how involved the rest of the Church is.
 - d. Michael Ricci discussed the structure of the former Parish Council and Finance Committee and heard the message that those were 2 distinct bodies that worked together. He discussed the importance of collaboration and harmony.
 - e. Video #1:
 - i. Father Dave commented on image of St. Paul and that we bring different gifts by the same spirit; that the whole image is the Body of Christ.

- ii. Father Dave remarked about how that is why consensus versus voting is advantageous: that everyone has heard from everyone.
 - iii. Father Dave alluded to video's reinforcement that we must be motivated by love and a genuine love for the parish.
 - f. Video #2:
 - i. Summary of Father Kitzke's points:
 - 1. Word (mission of teaching)
 - 2. Mission of Sanctifying (helping people grow through prayer and Sacraments)
 - 3. Governance and leading (planning, visioning, leading, and financial backup to make mission unfold)
 - g. Final Part of Video:
 - i. Archbishop's point that you need a structure; we are called to have an episcopal, apostolic dimension so that every local region has a shepherd who his responsible for the ministry of that area.
 - h. Responses to Video and Comments/Questions regarding our journey for the year:
 - i. Michael Ricci pointed out that it's not simply about the people who belong to St. Dominic but about everyone in the community – both believers and non-believers. He reminded us of our mission to share.
 - ii. Father Dave responded to Michael's remark with encouragement that we not canvas, per se, but comment on what we are seeing at St. Dominic.
 - iii. To that end, Father Dave referenced "Archdiocese of Milwaukee" printed on every Order of Worship – a reminder that we are not an independent community but rather part of the archdiocese, which reinforces that we are Catholic and part of that Universal Church.
 - iv. Father Dave pointed out that we need to check on who is getting Archdiocese update.
- 4. Liaison Assignments
 - a. Jeff will be joining Michael on Finance.
 - b. Mark commented that, should Nora return, perhaps she would appreciate a more "uplifting" commission than the "business of the church."
 - c. Regarding the question of Nora's inclusion in the Finance commission, Father Dave commented that perhaps Molly Schmidt could look at Women of Grace as we consider the hole that Nora might leave, as, for example, she is a young mother with children in the school.
 - d. Michael reminded Mark that, as an Officer, Mark could not participate in the Finance committee.
 - e. Mario said he would try to manipulate his professional schedule to allow for his participation in the Finance committee.
 - f. Michael discussed that Stewardship is the commission that needs the least help and guidance.

- iv. Father said we will make and exceed our budget of 50k and that we should have the report by next meeting.
- b. Keep the Austins in our prayers.
- c. Pig Roast
 - i. Members shared positive feedback they received about the event.
 - ii. Father reminded us of Molly, Director of Events, and her orchestration of these events.
 - iii. Discussion of the community building that the Pig Roast provided.
 - iv. Father reminded us that its purpose was the parish's 60th Anniversary and the parish could underwrite it.
- d. Father Michael Theil celebrated Mass; a "beautiful thing," Father says, that St. Dominic helped him "learn what it means to be a great priest."
- e. Knights Move will be on Seminary Dinner night, so there will be a scheduling conflict for Fathers Dave and John.
- f. Seminarians were published in a booklet for the annual Seminarian Dinner; Father Dave complimented the Seminarians.
- g. "Seek Christ" booklet: Father remarked on the recognition of the graces and gifts in our community that Meg Piccolo can put together such a booklet.
- h. Construction
 - i. Capital Campaign is in action: they are in the process of wiring the whole school for the emergency system. (The parish building will have its own system.) In Early Fall, the cameras will be going up strategically for security. The entryway is in process and is supposed to be done by August 19.
 - ii. The next step is school.
- i. Staff News
 - i. We are at budget and above for enrollment: 431 is budget and as of today, we are at 438.
 - ii. New staff includes Laura Brielmaier, Michelle Toby, Derek Emerein, Mary Goll, Pam Patterson.
 - iii. Sarah Dsazszck will be new Director of Youth and Evangelization
 - 1. Sarah will deal more with CYO, events, etc.
 - 2. Focus Groups and YAC: said they wanted their kids to become more alive with faith, and they helped community figure out what we want in the next 3 years.
- j. "Annual Report on the State of the Faithful"
 - i. By 2020, we will be 1 of 18 parishes that is a stand alone.
 - ii. Of stand alone parishes, we are currently number 4 for number of parishioners.
 - iii. Father commented that for the next 10-15 years, this is an ideal spot to be a parish.
- k. Transition of Father Dave into Vicar for Catholic Charities

- i. Father discussed that he wants to ensure the parish is prepared for either way the next year goes; he will work to ensure that neither the parish nor the archdiocese is cheated.

7. Closing Prayer: Mark Otten.

Meeting concluded at 8:51.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Anderson