

St. Dominic Parish Council Minutes
November 10th, 2011
7:00 P.M. ~ Parish Center

Present: Fr. Dave Reith, Fr. Sean O’Connell, Dick Magliocco, Armand Ruka, Teri Rettinger, Amy Whittenberger, Steve Heitman, Trustee Michael Ricci (262.442.0637), D Fitzgerald, Randy Roeder, Alex Guzman, Kelly Carroll, Trustee Jerry Buting

Guests: Susan McNeil

Excused Absence: Mindy Duch

Opening Prayer: Kelly Carroll

Approval of Minutes: The Parish Council minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting minutes were approved with the recommended modification to read: “Council agreed with a proposal brought forward by Fr. Dave in regards to the proceeds from FYE June 30th 2011.” in the Finance Committee Special Budget Recommendation. **VAIT Report – Marketing** (Meg Picciolo): Guidebook and Directory (add a y to the word Directory).

VAIT Report – Susan McNeil :

- Highlights of accomplishments
 - Over the summer there were 400 participants in 34 events in Human Concern activities
 - Tracking participation in Human Concern activities
 - 2011 Lenten Outreach program raised approximately 40,000
- Things we need to continue focusing on this year
 - Lenten Outreach –
 - Discussed the Parish Twinning relationship with St. Adalbert’s & St. Rafael. We may review the opportunity again with St. Adalbert’s & St. Rafael for a possible 2013 Lenten project.
 - We have another opportunity for our 2012 Lenten project when we received a request from Fr. Jim Flaherty and the Nativity School which provides middle school education in the Latino community.
 - Strengthening Human Concerns Committee
 - New participation in the Human Concerns Committee
 - Developing Chair, Vice Chair and terms within the Committee

Seminarian Internship Learning Covenant:

There are seven areas Alex focuses on in the Learning Covenant are:

- Personal and Spiritual Maturity
- Commitment to the Church
- Commitment to Justice
- Leadership in Prayer and Worship
- Theological Competence
- Pastoral Effectiveness
- Effective Communication

Alex's reflections so far have been once and twice a week seeking feedback from people to help him in his growth in the English language. Sometimes Alex struggles when people talk very fast in English in a meeting, so he asks after the meetings for the speaker to explain the situation.

Alex enjoys spending time with the grade school and LLF children.

Preparation for the New Roman Missal:

Watched Eucharistic Communion video

Visioning for the Future:

- What can you do with your current committees to start evangelization? Include the list of ways the committee does evangelize. This can be the bridge for next year to the major committees on the thoughts of evangelization for 2012-2013 and let the committees begin reporting back to the Parish Council.
- We should combine the form we want the VAITs to complete in preparation for the next year including the opportunity for evangelization. We should define what evangelization means to everyone so the term isn't so intimidating.
- D will send the form for review to the committee, in conjunction with Terri and Kelly will come up with a nice letter to assist in the development of the current vision. This will be sent out to the Parish Council and once everyone has agreed on the form sent to the committees for assistance in Visioning for the Future.

Pastor's Comments:

- ✓ Operations/Stewardship results we are slightly over budget for Stewardship for the first 19 weeks. FIOF pledge follow up will be communicated by the Archdiocese and the Parish as the campaign wraps up.
- ✓ Treasure Campaign has returned pledge cards have received. Seventy five percent were returned at Mass this past weekend. The increase in pledges is approximately an 11%. There were approximately 174 school families that pledged for the 2011 year compared to 113 school families in 2010. There will be a follow up letter in early December with a plan to follow up again in January.

- ✓ Prayer Gardens received a generous donation toward the Jesus with the Children Shrine received in October with the intention to pay the balance in the next year. We received a donation toward the Pieta Shrine. This combined with the one previously received, comprises 1/3 of the projected cost of the Shrine. There will be a brochure mailed to families in November to outline the options for donations.
- ✓ Fr. Curt's mother passed away this week. Lucille died at the age of 91 on November 9th, 2011. Lucille will be buried at St. Williams next week.
- ✓ Heart ornament contains left over tile from the construction will be handed out the first weekend of December.
- ✓ Bishop Hying feedback – he enjoyed praying with us while he was here blessing the new facilities. People are proud to be a part of the St. Dominic's campus.
- ✓ Stewardship renewal and Altar call – any feedback – pencils and forms were key.
- ✓ Fr. Sean and Fr. Dave will talk about the changes in the second part of Mass. On the last week of the Liturgical year they will also talk about Jesus as the Shepherd king. There will be two reflective videos shared during the homily one of the building project and the other of the men who were Ordained Priests in May 2011.
- ✓ Priest statistics were shared with the Council.
- ✓ Dr. Dan Scholz will assist us in the Lenten Mission will be here in February 25/26 weekend Masses.

Chair's Comments:

- ✓ Does everyone want the Spring Parish Council retreat? Response was yes from the Council. They will work on the dates. This is the one you bring your spouses and it is only for the day.

Open Discussion:

- ✓ APC Meeting Feedback – gathering ideas for evangelization so they can prepare to implement in 2014. Terri thought it was a good experience listening to other challenges.
- ✓ Next APC Meeting is February 20th

Closing Prayer: Kelly Carroll

Adjourned @ 9:23 pm
Respectfully submitted,
D Fitzgerald

December Parish Council Meeting
January Parish Council Meeting
February Parish Council Meeting
March Parish Council Meeting
April Parish Council Meeting
Parish Council Nomination Meeting
Parish Council Meeting
Parish Council Discernment Meeting
May Parish Council Meeting
Parish Council Officer Discernment
Parish Council Installation Mass
June Parish Council Meeting

December 8, 7:30 pm
January 12, 7:00 pm
February 9, 7:00 pm
March 8, 7:00 pm
April 16, 7:00 pm
April 19, 7:00 pm
May 10, 7:00 pm
May 16, 7:00 pm
May 20, 7:00 pm
May 23, 7:00 pm
June 3, 9:00 am
June 14, 7:00 pm