

St. Dominic Parish Council Minutes
April 14, 2011
7 P.M. ~ Parish Center

Present: Fr. Dave Reith, Fr. Sean O'Connell, Marc Chretien, Dick Magliocco, Diane Wingenter, Armand Ruka, Randy Roeder, Terri Malta, Dee Fitzgerald, Kelly Carroll and & Trustee Michael Ricci

Guest: Cathy Lafond – Prayer & Worship

Excused Absence: Mindy Duch & Trustee Jerry Buting

Opening Prayer: Armand Ruka

Approval of Minutes: The Parish Council minutes of March 10, 2011 meeting were approved.

VAIT: Prayer & Worship: Cathy reviewed the Prayer & Worship VAIT by highlighting the following: Julie has begun to have school children cantor at the 8:30 Mass on Monday and Friday, Orders of Worship are handed out by Ministers of Hospitality at all Masses, Kathy Monday has agreed to be co-chair of Prayer Network with Emmy, Lenten e-mail retreat was again available for daily reflection, Low Gluten Hosts are now available and the Church Reconciliation Room is now available for nursing mothers. They are still trying to develop a program for new families that join the parish and 1st time parents going through the program for baptism.

Retreat Follow-up: Everyone was very grateful to the Fr. Dave and Fr. Sean for attending, the Mass was very up-lifting, Rich and his knowledge of the scriptures along with the group sharing is a real blessing and the Stations of the Cross from Mary's perspective was very enlightening. There were also discussions about new locations and inviting the Deacons next year. Everyone was very grateful to Dick for organizing this retreat.

Parish Council Member Discernment: Council members reported to Dick who was interested in the nominee process for Parish Council.

Update of Faith in Our Future/ Master Plan/ Construction: Fr. Dave presented this update.

- ✓ The bell tables have been redesigned and are being rebuilt in an expanded fashion
- ✓ A date still needs to be set for the speaker cleaning and re-aiming and some other sound system adjustments
- ✓ There is conversation with the carpet supplier about concerns regarding signs of carpet wear especially in the narthexes
- ✓ A HVAC ducts were installed in the stairway adjacent to the expanded seating area
- ✓ The mid-March site work was delayed due to wet soil conditions
- ✓ All brick choices have been chosen and approved

- ✓ A new WE Energies gas line is being relocated
- ✓ The renovation of the arts and activities center will begin April 25
- ✓ Consultations have taken place to assure that we have the proper technology infrastructure for voice, data, audio, video, PA system, locks and bells
- ✓ The design for audio and video has been presented
- ✓ Half of the arts and activities center storage area is to be used as a fully functional classroom for individual and small group band lessons
- ✓ The building committee continues to consider and prioritize a number of project alternates based on need, budget and construction timing
- ✓ The provisional Facilities committee has been consulting with area parishes and the Archdiocesan insurance provider to clarify rental contracts, facility usage agreements and general policies and procedures.
- ✓ A Stewardship up-date was also shared: in addition to the parish mailing addressing stewardship and recent pulpit announcement, there will be a question & answer section in the bulletin.

Pastor's Comments:

- ✓ The Parish Council unanimously ratified St. Dominic Catholic Parish's election to participate in the St. Raphael Life Insurance Plan and the St. Raphael Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Plan.
- ✓ The Archdiocese has changed providers for group life insurance with the goal of reducing premiums
- ✓ Pre-school play equipment that is certified for that age group may be purchased from funds from Trivia night and personal donations
- ✓ The June Parish Council meeting is changed to June 16, 2011 at 7p.

Chair Comments:

- ✓ Deacon Greg asked for volunteers for washing of the feet on Holy Thursday
- ✓ A tentative date for the Parish gathering will be Sunday, August 21. We are seeking a location
- ✓ Barbara Vite, Director of Parish Stewardship for the Archdioceses, will lead parish staff and key parish leaders through a 90 minute session to examine seven aspects of parish life. Data from the assessment will form the basis for our plan to strengthen our parish as we grow and live as faithful stewards. This will take place on May 18, 2011, 7 – 8:30p in the Marcy Center. Please RSVP to Kay Martin.

Committee Reports: None

Open Discussion: Diane was wondering if handicap pews can be marked for visitors, Fr. Sean stated that the movie “Of God’s & Men” is really good and playing at the Downer Theater and Armand was wondering if there is a video of the new renovated church.

Closing Prayer: Armand Ruka

Adjourned @ 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Wingenter

