

**Church of St. Dominic**  
**PPC Meeting Minutes**  
**26 April 2011**

**ATTENDING:** Father Denny, Chris Barth, Tom Sapp, ReJean Schulte, Matt Wagner, Arthur Cunningham, Ann Kirch, Rick Nelson, Mark Werner, Dick Suess

**ABSENT:** Mary Quinn Crow, Pat Edwards, Gabriela Nieves

**AGENDA:**

- Agenda
  - No changes, agenda approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Finance (Mark)
  - Budget sub-committee attended: Charlie Austin, Steve Koziolk, Mike Grossman
    - Charlie gave an overview of the budget sub-committee's work investigating the various cost centers in the parish in an effort to generate a revenue forecast.
    - The overall financial health of the parish is good, the main saving grace being that we don't have debt (like many parishes).
    - However, it has been recognized that we need to address capital improvement issues across the parish properties.
  - Going to start work on a proposal for a capital improvement fund raiser.
- Education (No Representative Present)
  - PPC would like to see school survey report by next month.
- Maintenance (Dick)
  - Discussed bids for roof repair for flat areas of the church roof.
  - Discussed bids for pew and kneeler refinishing/repair/replacement.
  - PPC: We need to generate a list of prioritized capital improvements (roof, pews, kneelers, parking lot resealing, etc) -- list should clarify "must be done" versus "would be nice to do".
- Liturgy (Arthur)
  - Nothing to report.
- Faith Formation (Rick)
  - Lots of Faith Formation events in May (see May bulletins for Faith Formation events).
  - 59 students to be confirmed.
  - Working on questionnaire for incoming Faith Formation students and families.
- Social Ministries (Ann)
  - Essay winners to be announced Sunday, May 1st.
- Hispanic (No Representative Present)
  - Nothing to report.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Father presented a plan for the 25th Anniversary of St. Dominic church to coincide with the Feast of St. Dominic on Aug 8th (to be celebrated weekend of Aug 6,7). Areas of focus include (please see addendum for more detail):
  - Renovation
  - Evangelization
  - Celebration
- We need a steering committee for the 25th Anniversary project. PPC members will do some thinking about individuals to invite to participate in such a committee.
- Arthur: It would be good to add some service/charitable outreach component to the 25th anniversary events. PPC agrees.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Summer schedule for PPC: Move June's meeting to July 5th.
- Chris Barth offered to host a PPC dinner where we will discuss directions for PPC next year. Dinner will be on Sunday, May 22nd at 6pm.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:42pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 24 May 2011

**PPC AND ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT 2010-2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <del>Tue, 21 Sept 2010</del></li><li>• <del>Tue, 26 Oct 2010</del></li><li>• <del>Tue, 30 Nov 2010</del></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <del>Tue, 25 Jan 2011</del></li><li>• <del>Tue, 22 Feb 2011</del></li><li>• <del>Tue, 22 Mar 2011</del></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <del>Tue, 26 Apr 2011</del></li><li>• Tue, 24 May 2011</li><li>• Tue, 05 July 2011</li></ul>
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Meetings start at 6:00pm with dinner, followed by individual committee meetings starting at 6:45pm. The Parish Council meeting begins at 7:45pm downstairs in the KC room.

*Addendum:*

**25th Anniversary of St. Dominic church building**

**Renovation**

1. Complete projects indicated as most essential by the Maintenance Committee.
2. Have “welcome center” counter built and installed in narthex in front of bulletin boards (usher equipment storage, name tags, books for sale, books and CD’s for loan, children’s bags with books and appropriate activities for during Mass, hearing devices, bulletins, etc.) with pamphlet rack in end space of bulletin board and another smaller bulletin board with pamphlet rack on other end of narthex. Chuck Jutz has agreed to build the “welcome center” when plans are available. Gerry Thielen is making the bags for children. Several children’s books have been donated. Forget-Me-Not is supplying greenery for the narthex.

**Evangelization**

1. VBS program will take place during the week leading up to the anniversary celebration.
2. Have evening gatherings Monday through Thursday or Friday during that week from 7pm to 8:30pm with music by one of the parish groups, a song or skit by the children attending the VBS, a 30 minute presentation on a given theme by a priest selected for that evening (ideas: Fr. Bobby Pish, Bp. Lee Piche, Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Fr. Jon Vander Plough [only available for the Saturday evening Mass], Arch. Harry Flynn [unfortunately, on vacation throughout that week and weekend], Fr. Steve O’Gara), treats prepared by people from different neighborhood groups each evening.

**Celebration**

1. Saturday evening August 6: 5pm Mass (English rather than Bilingual?).
2. Food wagons in upper parking lot for after Mass.
3. Stage in middle parking lot directly across from and facing the outside stairs from upper lot:
  - a. 6:20 - 7:30pm: Talent Show
  - b. 7:30 - 9:00pm: Bingo (free with donated prizes)
  - c. 9:00 - 10:30pm: Karaoke
4. Sunday afternoon August 7: canoe/kayak outing on Cannon River (people must provide their own canoes and kayaks and be responsible for their own equipment). We may help with transportation to starting location and return to St. Dominic parking lot.
5. Outing followed by community pot-luck picnic (everyone brings their own and something to share) and an outdoor movie.

**Suggestions from PPC members**

1. Arthur: Add a service-outreach element.
  - a. Rick will check with “Feed My Starving Children”.
  - b. ReJean will check with Jim Blaha for “Thursday’s Table” and other programs through the CAC.
  - c. Chris will check with the city of Northfield for any service work (grounds maintenance, etc).
2. Tom: Check into having a show by Dan B Ministries (magician) for Saturday after Mass.
3. Chris: Look into the possibility of having all music groups work together for the Mass on August 6th.

4. ReJean: Hang colored fabric as banners in the upper part of O'Gara Social Hall to absorb sound.