

**Church of St. Dominic**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
General Session

Opening Prayer: Fr. Denny

Fr. Denny welcomed members back to the Pastoral Parish Council for the start of 2009-2010 year and the implementation of new PPC structure

**Review of areas of Parish Council Involvement:**

**Feedback on the St. Dominic Festival Celebration held on August 8<sup>th</sup>** - Lynn reported that that the combination of a flea market the morning of the festival was successful and participants hope to come back next year. Bingo and the movie were well received and well attended. The suggestion was made that next year the food concessions be limited to outside vendors. Food in the hall appeared to have taken some business away from the vendors. Desserts could perhaps be available in the hall.

Children's games in the rectory driveway provided safety but felt somewhat disconnected from the fair. The suggestion was made to return the games to last year's location closer to the church. A recommendation was made to review how to handle parking in the church lot the day of the festival.

The festival of St. Dominic falls on Sunday next year. The question was posed about whether to keep the festival on Saturday or move it to Sunday. The group felt a Sunday event would compete with other festivals at that time of year. A preference was indicated to keep the event on Saturday evening in the belief that attendance will continue to grow.

**Volunteers needed**

Groups are needed to assist with Donut Sundays and the Lenten Suppers in the upcoming year. Individuals or groups willing to help should contact Marlys at the church office.

**Responsible Use of Church & Rectory Space**

The church and rectory spaces are used by a variety of groups for meetings. Fr. Denny requested that everyone should use these resources responsibly. This includes returning tables and chairs to their original location and leaving the spaces clean for the next gathering.

**St. Dominic Parish Pastoral Council Transition**

The revised Parish Pastoral Council Constitution and Bylaws were adopted in June 2009. Fr. Denny reviewed the new organizational plan for the PPC that was implemented July 1, 2009. Key elements of this plan include:

- One representative from each of the seven committees serving as a voting member on the Council.
- Three additional members are designated as "Council Leadership" and will serve varying term lengths and focus on the workings and mission of the Council. The Leadership Team this year is Rick Nelson, Chair, Tom Sapp, Vice Chair, and ReJean Schulte, Secretary.

**Committee Work Time**

All members were dismissed to assigned committees. The charge of the committees is to identify the name of a representative to the PPC, select a chair and identify names of committee members for future meetings.

**Pastoral Parish Council Minutes**  
**August 25, 2009**

Members attending: Fr. Denny, Rick Nelson, Tom Sapp, Mark Werner, Candy Galvez, Carol Fraher, Mark Estrem, Joanne Talbot, Nancy Ludescher, ReJean Schulte, David Ludescher, Dorothy Pumper.

Opening Prayer - Rick Nelson

Agenda-accepted

Minutes of meeting on June 30, 2009, approved

**Role of Parish Council**

The general session began with introductions of committee members and their roles.

In the revised structure, the leadership team is to keep the group on task and make good use of meeting time. Committees need to align with parish mission and help carry out mission. PPC (leadership?) will help nurture spiritual development of its members. The PPC will also assist committees with needs, e.g. building membership. Work is to be done in committees and use discernment as the process to determine priorities. Committees will find ways to continue work and still be present at the PPC meeting.

Preparation for PPC includes committee chairs contacting members prior to meeting. Each chair should identify the highlights of committee activities and how it impacts parish. This update should be provided to Fr. Denny. Representatives to the PPC will provide this info.

Fr. Denny reminded PPC of language and structure of SMART goals. PPC will be working on goals in coming weeks. PPC members are asked to review last year's goals and reflect on what goals might be identified for the coming year.

Chair Rick Nelson asked PPC members to review the roster and make corrections or additions as needed.

The new PPC Bylaws were approved in June and also approved by the diocese.

The St. Dominic Parish Mission and Commitment Statements will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Pastor's Report** -Fr. Denny

Fr. Denny announced the 2009-2010 meeting schedule which is as follows:

October 27, December 1 (combined Nov/Dec meeting), January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27.  
May 25 and June 22

Fr. Denny spoke to the importance of gathering for a time of prayer and reflection. Several possibilities were explored. Three dates were selected on Saturdays after 5 p.m. Mass. Parish Pastoral Council members will meet for evenings of reflection on - Sept 26, 2009, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> and Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## Individual Committee reports

- Education – Chris Thurin, Chairperson  
Members: Dolores Kornkven, Pam Hutton, Pat Edwards, Kristi VonRuden, Vicki Marvin. Seeking to recruit two additional new members.  
Pat Edwards is the representative to the Parish Council.
- Finance - Mark Werner  
Chair and Secretary, will meet with Sherry in the church office.  
July as start of the year, discussing strategies to review financial resources.
- Hispanic - Candy Galvez  
First meeting serves as organizational, developing communication webs in neighborhoods. Outreach will provide updates on activities happening each month.
- Liturgy - Carol Fraher  
Chair - Lynn Ziegler  
Secretary - Pam Blazina  
PPC Representative - Carol Fraher  
Members - Arther Cunningham, Barb Barth, Deb Kopas  
Staff member - Scott Lehrke  
The liturgy committee assists in the planning of the liturgy. It tries to maintain current doctrine to ensure the liturgy is as directed by the pope/bishops. Other elements include decorating for the seasons of the church, keeping people in different liturgical ministries informed of the current requirements, carrying the theme for each season thru the music, decorations, etc. It also maintains ordering the items required for mass, bread, wine, candles, etc. The music for the liturgies is planned by the music director - Scott. He meets at the beginning of the church year with other personnel to schedule the various choirs for mass times for the upcoming year. He also schedules quarterly the individual cantors for the remaining masses. The committee is seeking clarifications on what expectations might be for Mass structures and adoration guidelines. Fr. Denny noted that the Bishop will be providing some additional direction on these issues.
- Maintenance -Mark Estrem  
Dick Suess, Chair  
Lyle Imdieke, Secretary  
Jeanne Fischer, staff  
Members: Dick Simon, Tony Guth, Rick Pavek, Ken Mracek, Larry Larson and Mark Estrem. Issues facing maintenance are waiting for an update on finances. Parking lot options continue to be explored. Modification of restroom entries remains on the agenda while solutions are examined. Mark stated that the committee is concentrating on keeping current facilities in good working order.
- Social Ministries There was no representation for this committee. Further conversation will take place to determine the role of the social ministries outreach and how it might be best represented on PPC. Marlys will be asked to call and see where former members are and what their interests are in this area.  
Subcommittee, Respect Life , Ann Kirch, Chair  
Need to review and consider how to reactivate/support to re-energize this work
- Youth Formation -Joanne Talbot  
Membership of committee is adequate, successful VBS just completed  
Faith Formation sessions will take place in the parish school this year.  
Middle School sessions will be held in the church..  
The theme for the coming year is "The Journey". The classes will use multiple facilities. Maura is seeking adult support to arrange rooms for these experiences. .
- Health Ministries - Nancy Ludescher  
Pat Hohertz - Chair  
Maren Mader – Secretary  
Members: Mary Ho, Rita Zenmer, Kathy Quran. There is a need for new members.  
Befriender Training scheduled Oct. 23-25, Blessing/commissioning weekend of Nov. 14-15.  
Grief Support Coalition – new brochure, speaker Sept. 16, 6:30-8:30, St. John's. New grief support group facilitated/hosted at St. Dominick, Barb Grabowski and Nancy Ludescher to cofacilitate.  
All Souls Mass of Remembrance, Monday, Nov. 2, 7:00 p.m. bilingual, refreshments to follow.  
Anointing Masses and Prayer Shawl Blessings, Saturday Oct. 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Mass,  
Nancy reported that with a small committee it was difficult to staff all the Masses for Donut Sunday or Lenten Dinners. She asked that committees be allowed to join another committee for these events so there could be coverage. Other committees are also interested in partnering.

Donut Sundays – Committees and organizations should contact Marlys soon to sign up to host.

Youth Ministry, - Matt seeking info from other parishes on mission trips. This would provide choices for youth and families to elect. Others could join the St. Dominic mission trip.

Next Meeting - September 22, 2009 in the O'Gara Social Hall. All committee members should review the parish mission statement prior to the meeting.

Council Members: Pat Edwards, Education; Mark Werner, Finance; Cindy Galvez, Hispanic; Carol Fraher, Liturgy; Mark Estrem, Maintenance; Joanne Talbot, Youth Ministries; Nancy Ludescher, Health Ministries; Rick Nelson, Chair; Tom Sapp, Vice-Chair; ReJean Schulte, Secretary; David Ludescher & Dorothy Pumper, Trustees.