

**Church of St. Dominic
PPC Meeting Minutes
24 May 2011**

ATTENDING: Father Denny, Tom Sapp, ReJean Schulte, Matt Wagner, Arthur Cunningham, Rick Nelson, Mark Werner, Dick Suess, Pat Edwards

ABSENT: Chris Barth, Mary Quinn Crow, Gabriela Nieves

AGENDA:

- Agenda
 - No changes, agenda approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance (Mark)
 - See "Parish Budget 2011-2012" in Agenda Items below.
- Education (Pat)
 - See "School Survey" in Agenda Items below.
- Maintenance (Dick)
 - Busy gathering more bids for pew refinishing, roof repair, and seal coating of the parking lots.
 - PPC was particularly interested in one of the pew refinishing bids because the contractor would refinish the pews in-place (versus removing sections of pews for up to 3 weeks for refinishing at a factory). The in-place bid was also significantly lower in cost.
 - The PPC approves going forth with refinishing the pews with this specific contractor as long as the maintenance committee and the Pastor agree the contractor is capable of successfully completing the project for the proposed cost.
- Liturgy (Arthur)
 - Over the summer, planning to hold evening showings of videos explaining upcoming changes to the words of the Mass.
 - Two banners missing from storage, and recently used linens not returned to proper place in sacristy.
- Faith Formation (Rick)
 - Losing youth ministry team (Mike & Jen Wallin), need replacement.
 - Looking at different ideas for Wednesday evening high school youth group.
- Social Ministries (Not represented)
 - Working to identify a new Committee Chair.
- Hispanic (Not represented)
 - Nothing to report.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report. See 25th Anniversary in Agenda Items below.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Parish Budget 2011-2012
 - Mark Werner and Steve Koziolk presented a proposed budget for 2011-2012.
 - PPC agrees with the budget numbers presented by the finance committee.
 - Final approval of the budget will be done via email once each member is able to review the final proposal.
- School Survey
 - Pat Edwards indicated that the education committee has the basic statistical data derived from the school survey. However he stated the report is not complete and the education committee believes it would be better to wait until the report is complete and both the school staff and teachers have been allowed to comment.
 - The PPC agreed with the education committee to wait until the analysis is completed. The PPC looks forward to receiving the report in the coming months.
- Mission Statement Correction
 - Remove: "While liturgy is the center of parish life, WE WILL NOT BE JUDGED ACCORDING

TO OUR PARTICIPATION AT MASS but by the works of mercy and justice for which our liturgical celebration prepares us and toward which it impels us."

- Replacement: "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Our celebration of this sacrament of charity brings with it both the grace and the responsibility to transform our interactions with others. In particular it impels us toward works of mercy and justice."
- Matt will notify Marlys to please update the Mission Statement on the website, guide book, and anywhere else the Mission Statement occurs.
- PPC Leadership Meeting Summary
 - ReJean gave a recap of the meeting.
 - Please see details in addendum.
- 25th Anniversary
 - No volunteers yet. Father Denny would like some volunteers to step forward to lead the planning.
 - Discussed format of Vacation Bible Camp week in August.
 - Rick registered St. Dominic's for 85 slots at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on Sat, Aug 6th from 9:00am-11:00am.
 - ReJean spoke to Jim Blaha about ways St. Dominic could support the Community Action Center during the anniversary celebration in August. He indicated he would think about their needs and get back to us.
 - Still looking for more community outreach projects.
 - Tom proposed booking 'Magic Mike', a professional magician for the festival. PPC agreed, Tom will contact him to confirm the date.
 - Tom going to contact KC's and Patti Estrada for food wagons.
 - Pat is going to check on getting a stage from middle school.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:38pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 05 July 2011

PPC AND ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT 2010-2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tue, 21 Sept 2010 ● Tue, 26 Oct 2010 ● Tue, 30 Nov 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tue, 25 Jan 2011 ● Tue, 22 Feb 2011 ● Tue, 22 Mar 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tue, 26 Apr 2011 ● Tue, 24 May 2011 ● Tue, 05 July 2011
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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:

PPC Reflection on current meeting format: (Special meeting, 5/22)

- Generally endorse once a month meetings that include all committees.
- Recognize challenge in getting committee work done in the time frame between dinner and start of the PPC meeting.
- Having PPC Rep and Committee Chair as same person means committee work ends when Chair has to leave for PPC. Some committees have not found reps other than chairs to attend. Explore how committees might separate these two roles. Examples:
 - Faith Formation has smallest number on committee in some time.
 - Maintenance has members but no one has been willing to attend PPC.
 - Liturgy committee has a PPC rep who is not the chair but the last two committee meetings have been without the chair present. The committee was notified at the last minute that the chair could not attend so committee had no agenda and created their own discussions.
 - Another committee facing a challenge is the Respect Life group with current chair, Ann Kirch

retiring and moving.

- Recruiting new members to committees is a challenge but critical to the all PPC work. Key ideas to advance this included:
 - Recognition of value of personal invitations to parishioners, including asking more than once. Also important to inform individuals about the opportunities of each committee to contribute to parish life.
 - Creation of a portable "Lend a Hand" board or display that could travel to parish group functions or meetings, e.g. orientation for first communion and confirmation parents and youth. This would include sign up cards for adults and youth to complete, including areas of interest.
- Fr. Denny also encouraged invitations to individuals who might be interested in serving on the leadership team.
- Discussion of the dinner connected to PPC night regarding inconsistent attendance. Sharing a meal creates opportunities for committees to interact and build a larger sense of our faith community. Hopefully committee members will continue to see this as a time and place to build connections with other groups.