

**Church of St. Dominic
PPC Meeting Minutes
25 Jan 2011**

ATTENDING: Father Denny, Tom Sapp, ReJean Schulte, Matt Wagner, Arthur Cunningham, Chris Barth, Gabriela Nieves, Ann Kirch, Rick Nelson, Mark Werner, Dick Sues, Pat Edwards

ABSENT: Mary Quinn Crow

AGENDA:

- Agenda
 - Arthur: Review and revision of the parish commitment statement for ministry (see addendum).
 - Agenda approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Maintenance (Dick)
 - Tankless (on-demand) water heater for church kitchen has been installed.
 - New castors for piano have been ordered and are en-route.
- Finance (Mark)
 - Budget for next year: finance committee would like to meet w/Father to determine direction and expectations for the finance committee.
- Faith Formation (Rick)
 - Will soon be requesting prayer partners for 10th grade confirmation students.
 - Feb 12-13 retreat for confirmation students.
- Hispanic (Gabriela)
 - Hispanic community will be responsible for the Lenten soup supper on Friday, March 11th.
- Respect Life (Ann)
 - Nothing to report, respect life committee activities are in the bulletin.
- Education (Pat)
 - Working on budget for 2011/12.
 - Committee opening, looking for volunteers. Please contact Pat Edwards (507-645-5868) if interested.
- Liturgy (Arthur)
 - Spent time discussing the organizational logistics of seasonal church decorations; looking for volunteers to help with decorating the church sanctuary and someone to help organize the effort.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Signed contract for flooring.
 - New flooring to be installed the last week of March.
 - Rubberized "mondo" flooring in the social hall and the coat hall in-front of the restrooms.
 - New carpet in the form of "carpet squares" for the main narthex hall area.
 - New stair treads for the stairs on the south end of the narthex.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Fr. Denny: 25th anniversary of our church building.
 - Proposal: to use the 25th anniversary as an incentive to renovate items in the Church that need attention as well as reinvigorate parish life. Effort would culminate with celebration on the Feast of St Dominic (Aug 8th).
 - Church renovation ideas include: improving signage, cleaning and repairing wood frames and pews, improving flooring.
 - Parish renewal ideas include bringing back priests who have served at St Dominic's in the past to celebrate Mass and re-starting small group discussions.
 - PPC embraced the idea and added we should have a logo contest to illustrate the theme.
 - Fr. Denny will write a letter to introduce the idea to the parish.
- Arthur: Review and revision of the parish commitment statement for ministry.
 - Open discussion...
 - Proposal generally accepted, wording of replacement statement still to be determined.

- Ann/ReJean/Matt: Introduction to a new effort to create a parish community blog.
 - The idea is to draw-in as much parishioner participation as possible with interesting posts related to our parish community life, favorite recipes, life experiences, faith formation, etc.
 - The blog should be linked-to from the parish website (Matt will work w/Marlys).
 - Father is going to consider posting his weekly scripture studies and his faith formation presentations to this blog instead of his personal blog.
 - Will be announced to the parish formally in the coming weeks.
 - Find it here: <http://beadsofstdominic.wordpress.com/>

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:29pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 22 Feb 2011

PPC AND ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT 2010-2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| ● Tue, 21 Sept 2010 | ● Tue, 25 Jan 2011 | ● Tue, 26 Apr 2011 |
| ● Tue, 26 Oct 2010 | ● Tue, 22 Feb 2011 | ● Tue, 24 May 2011 |
| ● Tue, 30 Nov 2010 | ● Tue, 22 Mar 2011 | ● Tue, 28 June 2011 |

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:

Proposal for revision to parish Mission Statement

PPC meeting 1/25/2011, Arthur Cunningham

Here is an excerpt from the parish “Mission • Commitments • Goals” statement (from parish web site). The underlined sentence is the one that I propose we revise.

Commitment to Ministry

“Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me to drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:34-36

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. Whereas mercy calls us to assist those in need, justice challenges us to alter the underlying causes of those needs. ...

The boldface portion strongly implies something false, namely that how we participate at Mass is not directly relevant to sanctity or salvation. It seems both erroneous and unnecessary to this part of the mission statement. The idea that is being expressed in this sentence is the centrality of service to others in the Christian life. This point can be made without downplaying or denying the importance of our participation in the holy Mass.

An excerpt from Fr. Denny's bulletin message of Jan. 9 makes clear the error:

Example two: You receive Communion while intentionally refusing to forgive someone, holding onto resentment against them. Rather than being a grace-filled moment, in the very act of receiving

Communion you are “eating and drinking a judgment” on yourself. Check out 1 Corinthians 11:29.

Here is 1 Corinthians 11:26-29:

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. ²⁷Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church also emphasizes the centrality of the liturgy in the Christian life, and its essential role of the sacraments in the order of salvation. Here are some quotations from the Compendium of the CCC:

219. The liturgy as the sacred action par excellence is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and it is likewise the font from which all her power flows. Through the liturgy Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with and through his Church.

230. For believers in Christ the sacraments, even if they are not all given to each of the faithful, are necessary for salvation because they confer sacramental grace, forgiveness of sins, adoption as children of God, conformation to Christ the Lord and membership in the Church. The Holy Spirit heals and transforms those who receive the sacraments.

Here is a proposed sentence to replace the underlined sentence above. It aims to express the same core thought without the negative implication about participation at Mass:

“The liturgy, the heart of parish life, prepares us for the works of mercy and justice to which Christ calls us in the gospel.”