

Church of St. Dominic
PPC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 8, 2018 7:45PM

Attending: Fr. Dennis Dempsey, Chris Barth, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Matt Stenzel, Rick Nelson, John Frank, Mikki Shower, Dick Suess, George Kinney, Lisa Whitlatch, John Ernste, Paul Hager.

Meeting was called to order by PPC Chairman Kathleen Doran-Norton. John Ernste led us in prayer

PPC Meeting Nights – Looking ahead. All Parishioners are welcome.

2018-2019 PPC Meeting Dates - 7:45PM					
12-Nov-18	14-Jan-19	11-Mar-19	13-May-19	08-Jul-19	Sept - TBD
Dec -No Mtg	11-Feb-19	08-Apr-19	10-Jun-19	12-Aug-19	Oct - TBD

TOPICS DISCUSSED

Second Video Screen - Updates to Audio/Video Technology in the Parish

Kathleen submitted a 3-stage recommendation on proceeding with the new audio/video improvements at St Dominic's.

- Initiate a contract with Charter Communications to install internet. Cost - \$2000/yr
- Purchase a second Video Projector, Amplifier, and Cabling. One time Cost-\$1200

NOTE: With completion of these two steps, the second screen in the church will be operational.

- Continue to evaluate additional enhancements to include internal access to Mass in the Social Hall and to the Baptismal font viewing on the big screens; and external access via live-streaming to assisted living centers and the home bound.

A motion was made and approved by the Council to initiate the Charter contract, and to purchase at least one new video projector, amplifier, and cabling. Not to exceed \$3300. Installation completed in December, 2018.

ENGAGE Program: Rick Nelson

It is estimated that only 25% of Catholics attend Mass regularly. The ENGAGE program's purpose is to encourage Catholics through an online website called Flocknote.com that provides multiple video options on many aspects of our Catholic faith. This website also includes Diocesan information and can be a communication tool for our Parish. Information on how St Dominic's Parishioners can use Flocknotes will be addressed soon during Saturday/ Sunday Masses. A motion was approved for to start a subscription to this website a one-time cost \$2000, and a subscription @ \$200/mo.

Trustee Report: Chris Barth

-The Archdiocesan Reorganization Plan that provides compensation to victims of clergy abuse has been approved. Distributions to victims have started.

-Trustees and Council members are working on a 15yr plan for St Dominic's parish that studies facilities, staffing, and equipment. The effort includes comparing ourselves with other Catholic parishes nearby, as well as with local Churches of other denominations.

Committee Reports

Finance - Committee is working on long-term budget plan for Facilities, Staffing, and Equipment. The planning includes efforts to increase Parishioner annual giving.

Maintenance - Rectory renovation of the lower floor is essentially complete. Work continues on the 2nd floor with windows and carpeting install, painting, and reroofing around new skylights.

Faith Formation – Parish Outreach

- Rick Nelson distributed a summary report that included program plans for new Parishioners, elementary, middle school and college outreach, as well as home Masses. He also praised local young adults who participated in Northfield's storm cleanup.

- We encourage more people to sign up for home Masses!

Social Justice/Environment

- Committee is working with Matthew Anderson who hopes to earn an Eagle Scout badge. His project uses the addition of wood to beautify St Dominic's flower garden.

- Parish to participate in a city climate action plan through a survey at 10/20-21 Masses.

Hispanic Community

- Encouraging participation in Crop Hunger Walk on October 28th. 1PM Bridge Square.

- On All Souls Day Mass on 11/2, the choir risers will be set up for placing names as well as a photo of a loved one during the service.

School

- School Marathon on 10/5 met its \$25,000 fundraising goal.

- Grades 4-8 will attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit at US Bank Stadium.

- Annual School Fundraiser will be on kicked off on 11/18. This year's goal is \$50,000.

Pastor's Report

- Local group called Volunteer Lawyers Network will be using the Youth Building on some days starting soon. A "Hotspot" will be installed that will remain in the building.

- A Carleton professor has our permission to bring a "fish house" sized movable studio on St Dominics property to be used to interview volunteers. Activity starts July, 2019.

- St Dominic's Parish 150th Anniversary will be August 8th, 2019. A planning group will start soon to decide what kind of celebration it will be. Parishioners are asked for input on activities we might hold. (i.e., New church directory? Parish picnic?, etc.)

Respectively submitted: John Ernste
PPC Secretary