

**Church of St. Dominic**  
**PPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 12, 2018 7:45PM**

Attending: Fr. Dennis Dempsey, Chris Barth, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Matt Stenzel, John Frank, Dick Suess, George Kinney, Lisa Whitlatch, Dario Payes, John Ernste.

Meeting was called to order by PPC Chair Kathleen Doran-Norton. Matt Stenzel led us in prayer

**PPC Meeting Nights** – All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

<b>2018-2019 PPC Meeting Dates - 7:45PM</b>			
14-Jan-19	11-Mar-19	13-May-19	08-Jul-19
11-Feb-19	08-Apr-19	10-Jun-19	12-Aug-19

**Trustee Report: Chris Barth**

-Trustees and Council members are working on a 15yr plan for St Dominic’s parish that studies facilities, staffing, and equipment. Results of the plan will be completed for review and presentation to our new St Dominic’s pastor.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance**

- Committee is working on a long-term budget plan comparison for Facilities, Staffing, and Equipment with five local churches (various denominations) and two nearby Catholic parishes. Comparisons include staffing levels, number of families, and giving by family.

**Maintenance**

- With lower floor of Rectory renovation completed, work continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with carpet installation, painting, and retrofit of fluorescent lighting. The retrofit of lighting will be paid for through a rebate from Xcel Energy.
- Flat roof on the school must be replaced in 2019 at a cost of \$61,800.

**Faith Formation – Parish Outreach**

- December 1-2 Masses will include an introduction by Father Denny and Rick Nelson of an online information source on our Catholic faith as well as current news at a Diocesan and Parish level. Parishioners will be encouraged to bring their cellphones to follow along with a demonstration on the use of an online site called “Flocknotes”.

**Social Justice/Environment**

- Committee is working with Matthew Anderson to help him earn an Eagle Scout badge.
- Cleanup of the last debris from the September storm damage is complete.

**Hispanic Community**

- Recent fundraisers netted profits of \$368. Revenues were \$1,220.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration will be held December 11-12 at St Dominic’s.
- Bi-lingual Mases on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM and at 10:30AM on December 23rd.

**School**

- The entire school participated in a Veterans Day memorial event on November 12.
- Annual School Fundraiser will be kicked off on 11/18. This year’s goal is \$50,000
- Saints’ Night Out coming up marking 120 years of our school

## **Pastor's Report**

- Our parish has reached its goal for Bishop's Appeal, and because we reached the goal, our Diocese will return an estimated \$10,000 to St Dominic's
- Father Denny will be in Venezuela for 2 weeks starting January 10, 2019. An assistant priest will cover for him while he is away.
- A proposal has been made for a retired priest to reside at the Hazelwood rectory starting next year to assist with Masses at Annunciation and St Dominic's Parishes.
- We encourage more people to sign up for home/neighborhood Masses!
- St Dominic's Parish 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A planning group has started work to decide what kind of celebration it will be. ALL Parishioners can participate by providing ideas on activities we might hold. (i.e., New church directory? A special liturgy? Parish picnic?, etc.). Council members are also consulting other nearby parishes about their past anniversary celebrations.

## **ADDITIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED**

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

- The second screen installed last summer will be operational by the end of November.
- Next steps: 1. Initiate a contract with Spectrum to install internet. Cost - \$120/mo and no installation fee. 2. Formation of a Technical Committee to evaluate additional enhancements that include internal access to Mass in the Social Hall, and external access via live-streaming to Northfield assisted living centers and to the home bound.

### **Other Parish and Community Activities**

Spotlight on Ministries - Over the next few months, several parish leaders will present information on the ministry they head:

- Spanish Community: Dario Payes/Fr Denny – December 8-9
- Finance Committee: Steve Kosiolek – January 12-13
- Health Ministry Nancy Ludescher – February 2-3
- Maintenance Committee: Dick Suess – March 2-3
- Social Justice/Environment George Kinney – April 27-28

All Parish Committee Event – February 17, 2019 from 2:00-3:00PM. Everyone who is part of a St Dominic's parish committee are invited as our way of saying thanks for participating.

Project Isaiah - A vehicle for clergy and people of faith acting collectively to make changes for the common good; and take powerful steps that are consistent with our faith values, our principles of democracy, improving the quality of life in our community. St Dominic's will send a parish representative to the upcoming meeting in Owatonna.

Volunteer Lawyers Network – A group of lawyers will be available on December 11<sup>th</sup> at St Dominic's Youth Center to support individuals needing legal advice on matters like Housing, Immigration, etc. They plan to meet one day per month, future dates TBD.

Respectively submitted: John Ernste  
PPC Secretary