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Parish Pastoral Council Minutes  
December 1, 2009

Attendance: Fr. Denny, Rick Nelson, Tom Sapp, Anne Kirsch, David Ludescher, Dick Seuss, Dorothy Pumper, Patrick Edwards, Carol Fraher, Mark Werner, ReJean Schulte

Prayer – ReJean Schulte  
Agenda accepted with one addition  
Minutes of Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> approved.

**PPC Goals**

Rick presented a summary of goals identified in previous meetings. Next steps for PPC committees are to create and bring a draft of each committee's mission statement to January meeting. There is support for individual committees, if needed, to develop draft for the next meeting.

Tom Sapp described a template that could be used to guide committees in this work. The leadership team will review the template and provide to committees by email. Rick reminded members that these statements are important for communicating the PPC work to others. It is important to see the mission statement as a living document

Members discussed the challenge of timing of this task with the approach of the holidays. The leadership team will work to make resources available to support process. Materials will be sent by email. A review and updating of email addresses was done.

An overview of the Budget planning process was described. Initial letters will be sent out to committees to draft budget for next year, including goals to support budget lines  
As in past years, the Budget Committee will be composed of five members with participation from council and two members at large from parish. Rick will serve as a member from council. Fr. Denny will provide a calendar of this process to council members.

**Pastor's report**

Fr. Denny described upcoming Advent events, including Reconciliation Service and Christmas Liturgies.

The Hispanic community is preparing a special liturgy for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, at 5:00, Dec. 12th. There will be a special Mass followed by dinner and entertainment. All are invited to sign up and participate. A Hispanic prayer group has formed and is meeting on Friday nights.

Construction continues on the three storage spaces at the end of O'Gara Hall. The building permit requires design and materials to meet commercial construction requirements.

Dorothy Pumper described concern about resources in kitchen for meal clean up. She reported there is a shortage of towels, as well as the disappearance of dish cloths and towels. She expressed concern that failure to return these items provided a challenge to the next group using the kitchen. She proposed changing current practice and plans to personally take on washing the items rather than waiting for these items to be returned. Return of towels to the kitchen would be appreciated.

### Committee reports

#### *Education – Patrick Edwards*

A revision of rental agreements for school spaces was presented. These changes are a response to requests for use of school space for shorter periods of time, including hourly rental of the gymnasium. Motion to accept this revision was approved.

#### *Finance -Mark Werner*

The committee is preparing to participate in the budget process next month.

Committee heard presentation by Kelly A. Crow from the Catholic Community Foundation Endowment program that could benefit the church. Discussion focused on how this might be provided to St. Dominic parishioners. An invitation will be sent to Kelly to present an overview of this program at next PPC meeting at 6:45

#### *Liturgy - Carol Fraher*

The committee received a suggestion to create a wall of vocations to be created in the social hall or church. Discussion followed regarding how this might be presented. There would be a need to identify who has answered a call to religious life from St. Dominic's church. Announcement will be made in bulletin to identify who has joined religious life.

A retreat is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, for all parishioners involved in ministry activities. The retreat is scheduled from 1:30-5:00.

#### *Maintenance - Dick Seuss*

The committee addressed an issue about manhole cover creating a tripping hazard in the parking lot. Due to the location and time of year, the committee proposed use of a cold patch. The committee has a draft mission statement prepared for next meeting.

#### *Social Ministries – Ann Kirsch*

Sign ups for Right to Life newspaper ad have received favorable response. There is still time for more individuals to contribute to this campaign.

Plans are being developed for special Mass in April for families who lost children through miscarriage or other circumstances. Resources are being sought from other parishes who have offered this remembrance liturgy.

#### *Youth Formation – Joanne Talbot*

Activities continue to raise funds for the youth mission trip youth. A bake sale is scheduled for this week-end. A variety of youth activities are scheduled for the winter months.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup>. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with individual committee meetings at 7 p.m. and the PPC meeting at 8 p.m. All committees are encouraged to schedule representation for the committee meetings and the PPC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.