

**Minutes of PPC Meeting
January 26, 2010**

Attendance: Rick Nelson, Tom Sapp, ReJean Schulte, Joanne Talbot, Mark Estrem, Ann Kirsch, Lynn Ziegler, Rafael Perez, Fr. Denny, Dorothy Pumper

Opening Prayer - Rick Nelson

Agenda approved

Minutes of December 1, 2009 approved

Pastor's Report

Fr. Denny described the change in faith formation structure that will be next fall. The following is the plan for combining Youth Ministry and Faith Formation into one entity.

Organizational Structure for Faith Formation at St. Dominic, Fall of 2010

1. Merging of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs

These two program which until now have had separate staff personnel will be merged with Mara Mangan as the director.

2. Supplementary Staffing: Faith Formation Secretary (av. 20 hr/week half-time position)

The role of the Faith Formation secretary will be to assist Mara in the following tasks: organizational assistance with telephone contacts, mailings, assuring that supplies are ordered and available as needed, opening the school for Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings and assuring that teacher there have materials and assistance as needed, set up for parent-student meetings (materials, projection system, microphone, etc.), details for special events (Christmas pageant, Living Stations, 4 Life Program, May Crowning, NAPS, help with details for Vacation Bible School, documentation for Virtus safe environment training, documentation for sacramental reception, site contact and transportation for youth mission trips, checking on youth building care and needs, etc.

3. Supplementary Staffing: Wednesday evening youth open house (stipend position)

Preparation and direction of Wednesday evening programming (other than classes)

4. Supplementary Staffing: Mission Trip Coordinator (stipend position)

Working with group in preparation (fundraising, roster of participants, et.) and during parish mission trip

5. Supplementary Staffing: Vacation Bible School Coordinator (stipend position)

Working with group in preparation and during VBS

6. Youth Formation Committee

Assist Faith Formation director in planning and evaluation of the various aspects of the program (elementary school level classes, middle school classes, First Communion and Reconciliation preparation, Confirmation program, retreats, service projects, youth gathering, parish involvement of youth, etc.) Assistance by presence as needed for support with activities. Assistance in procuring volunteers for teaching, helping with youth evening mission trip, etc.

Fr. Denny reported that the St. Dominic school budget is in development. The level of support for the school in 2010-2011 school year will remain the same as the current year.

The Catholic Services Appeal will be presented to the parish the week-end of Feb 7th. Fr. Denny reported that the Archdiocese sets a goal for each parish. The goal this year for St. Dominic's is \$50, 000,. From this collection 25% is returned to the parish. Any amount received over the goal comes back 100% to parish.

Committee Mission & Goals Draft Statements

Committees are currently developing draft documents that reflect their work. These should be sent electronically to ReJean Schulte. They will then be sent by email to PPC members for review and feedback.

Education committee

The committee is working with the school principal on the school budget for 2010-2011. The committee will be sending their mission statement to the PPC secretary.

Finance Committee

Rick Nelson shared committee's draft mission statement. Budget planning for the next fiscal year is under way.

Hispanic Committee

The committee has developed a mission statement which will be translated into English.

Liturgy

The training for St. Dominic liturgy ministers has been postponed until a future date to be determined. There is continued interest in developing a display in the church to recognize vocations and past pastors. An announcement will be placed in bulletin seeking information about individuals from St. Dominic's who have served in the religious life. The committee will be looking for names of individuals and their family members who can provide information.

Maintenance

Progress is being made on the storage areas at the end of O'Gara Hall. Some volunteers are needed to assist with the remaining construction. Interested persons should contact the church office for details.

Social Ministries

The Respect for Life Committee has special events scheduled in the next months.

A buffet breakfast will be held February 21st at St. Dominic's from 8-12:30. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to Birthright, a local organization that counsels pregnant women.

On April 13th at 6:30 St. Dominic's will have a special Mass of Remembrance for Children Born & Unborn. This liturgy invites family members who had lost a child to join in prayer and remembrance of that life. More details will follow in the bulletin.

On April 22 at 7 p.m., Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk from The National Catholic Bioethics Center will give a presentation on stem cell research. This is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Youth Formation

The Senior Mass and Breakfast is scheduled for May 23rd. Graduating seniors are encouraged to attend Mass and join others for the breakfast following Mass.

A parishioner would like to provide a training session for the rest of the parish on how to reduce personal debt. This issue will be reviewed by finance committee to be consistent with past policies.

Fr. Denny – Reported 1% of parish income each year goes to programs outside St. Dominic, a total of \$14,000. Fr. Denny described programs that have received differing levels of funding. The agenda for the next meeting will include discussion of where funding from this year might be directed. Council members are encouraged to provide suggestions prior to next meeting. Discussion about how this might be shared with the parish with public recognition of the selected programs.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2010 Meeting adjourned at 9:15.