

Church of St Dominic
PPC MEETING
May 13, 2019

Attending - Fr. Denny Dempsey, Chris Barth, Mary Quinn Crow, Marcia Simon, Rick Nelson, Steve Kosiolek, Dick Suess, Earl Tessmer, John Ernste

Trustee Report – No report

Committee Reports:

Finance – Steve -Parish donations have been essentially flat over the past 7-8 years, while expenses have increased. A review is needed to assess the following:

- Prioritize ongoing expenses to determine where cuts or reductions could be made.
- Discuss revenue shortfall with St Dominic's parishioners, and ask for an increase in both donation levels and participation numbers
- Presentation at all Masses in the next few weeks to review current situation.
- 2019-20 Church Budget will be in place for our new pastor.

Maintenance – Dick -Several ongoing activities in the Church/School/ Rectory facilities:

- School roof leak must be repaired soon as possible. Bids accepted for July repair.
- Plan to install a new furnace this summer will be delayed due to parish finances.
- Final touches on Rectory remodeling to be completed this month. Final cost tally indicates the work was completed for \$40,000 less than estimated thanks to volunteer helpers. Upper level completed. Lower level conference rooms already in use. Adding several new door locks and necessary security.
- Bell tower to house the Church bell from the old St Dominic's Church in 1875 will be delayed due to budget constraints.

Faith Formation/Outreach – Report provided by Rick Nelson

- First Holy Communion was held May 4-5
- Confirmation – St Dominic's is the host for several local parishes. Three different Confirmation services completed by May 15th
- Breakfast to honor High School seniors will be May 19th.
- Home Masses have increased. Four more scheduled in May.

School Board – No report

Social Justice / Environment – No report

Hispanics report – Included in Fr Denny's report

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Technology Committee – Earl – Contractor will install Wi-Fi that takes advantage of Northfield’s fiber optics installation which is faster, more reliable, and environmentally friendly. Current experience with this same contractor at the school over a few years indicates a smooth installation and good service.

- Work has started to install connecting hardware in the Church and rectory. Wires will be ‘tunnel bored’ under Church parking lot.
- Installation allows expansion within the Church and rectory with future streaming to local Retirement Centers and homes of shut-ins.
- Parish volunteers will work with the contractor during installation to reduce costs. Original quote approved by the Parish Council in March for new hardware/ monthly fee has not changed.

Special Initiatives

- Rental house – completing work items from home inspection. Renter moving into 301 St Olaf Avenue house on June 1st.
- Parish 150th Anniversary event scheduled for August 10-11. Regular announcements are included in weekly bulletins. Every Parishioner / former Parishioners are welcome to help with activities and to attend.
- Going-Away Party for Fr Denny will be held on June 30th. More information in weekly parish bulletins encouraging all parishioners to attend.

Pastor’s Report – Fr Denny

- With two new priests coming to St Dominic’s on June 30th, Mass times for our parish may change slightly. Annunciation in Hazelwood Mass times may also change Mass times.
- Fr Schaffer who is the pastor of our diocese mission parish in Venezuela was in Minnesota to attend a funeral for his Mother. He will return to Venezuela to complete his assignment. Fr Denny’s departure date is July 11th.
- Father is sorting out his possessions. Some will be stored away while he is in Venezuela. Others will be available for free.

Upcoming PPC meeting schedule. All parishioners welcome to attend.

2019 PPC Meeting Dates – Meetings start at 7:45PM

10-Jun-19	12-Aug-19	07-Oct-19	Dec - No Mtg
08-Jul-19	09-Sep-19	11-Nov-19	

John Ernste
PPC Meeting Secretary