

St. Dominic Parish Council Minutes
May 12, 2011
7 P.M. ~ Parish Center

Present: Fr. Dave Reith, Fr. Sean O’Connell, Marc Chretien, Dick Magliocco, Diane Wingenter, Armand Ruka, Terri Malta, Dee Fitzgerald, Mindy Duch, Trustee Jerry Buting and & Trustee Michael Ricci

Guests: John Chovanec & Bill Schenkelberg – St. Dominic Grade School, Amy Whittenberger, Steve Heitman and Teri Rettinger – Parish Council Nominees

Excused Absence: Randy Roeder & Kelly Carroll

Opening Prayer: All

Approval of Minutes: The Parish Council minutes of April 2011 meeting were not yet approved.

VAIT: St. Dominic School: John and Bill reviewed the St. Dominic Grade School VAIT by highlighting the following: A new alignment Grid for each grade level was created by the Writing Comm, based on the new national core writing standards. Completion of alignment grids in all subject areas occur on an ongoing (7year cycle) basis. Regular classroom visits by the Priests, Individual Reconciliation during Advent and Lent, May Crowning, Rosary Prayer Service, Stations of the Cross etc. have been implemented as Prayer Experiences as part of the school’s worship and spiritual program. The staff has participated in monthly Faith Formation programs. School parents must return a Stewardship Pledge card to receive membership tuition rates. SMART Board training sessions are ongoing and are offered to the teachers as they become available. Two teachers are retiring this year, JoAnn Bischof and Judy Caronna.

Parish Council Member Discernment: Dick reported that 5 interested nominees attended the orientation. Fr. Dave, Dick, Armand and Kelly were all present. Discernment for new members will be Tuesday May 17 at 7p in the chapel.

Update of Faith in Our Future/ Master Plan/ Construction: Fr. Dave presented this update.

- ✓ A computer simulated tour of the new facilities is moving toward completion pending some final updates. This simulation will be used with potential renters and donors. This is being provided through a generous in-kind donation from a parish member.
- ✓ The old gas line that was located in the footprint of the new athletic facility has been relocated and the new gas line installation has been completed.
- ✓ The renovation of the arts and activities center has begun in earnest. A temporary wall has been constructed to isolate the stage construction area from the ongoing activities in the gym. The demolition in the stage area is complete and the layout of the new stage, ramp and walls is underway.

- ✓ Excavation of the site for the athletic facility has begun. The unsuitable building soil has been trucked off campus and the suitable clay building soil is being moved and compacted to appropriately build up the building pad. The clay soil reaches the desired compaction density when the optimum moisture content is maintained. When the proper moisture level is achieved, the concrete crews will begin forming the footings and pouring the foundation. Then the precast panel installation can begin.
- ✓ The design for audio and video in both facilities has been completed and sound contractor bid requests have been sent out.
- ✓ The building committee continues to consider and prioritize a number of project alternates based on need, budget and construction timing.
- ✓ The provisional Facilities Committee continues to meet to clarify rental contracts, facility usage agreements and determine general facility policies and procedures.
- ✓ A Recognition Committee has been formed and is meeting to determine an appropriate strategy for recognizing project donors.
- ✓ Question / answer section about operations / stewardship and progress chart will continue in the bulletin.
- ✓ The school tuition contract indicates the need for more families to complete an annual stewardship pledge card in order to receive parish member tuition.

Pastor's Comments:

- ✓ Parish staff worked very hard on the master calendar.
- ✓ A special thank you to the staff, Fr. Dave feels very blessed to have such a wonderful team. He gave a special acknowledgment to the following: Kay Martin, Jeanne Verthein, Debbie Caputo, Barb Schenauer, Mary Kay Reinbold and Judy Shilka.
- ✓ Holy Week went very well; there are many people involved that make it work so smoothly. Other events were also very special: May Crowning in the Prayer Gardens, Mother's Day, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- ✓ Fr. Dave also wanted to acknowledge Rich Harter, Meg Picciolo and Karen Chaffee for their even temperament and knowledge that they bring to their positions.
- ✓ Reminder about Ordination of Deacons Kevin McManaman and Hugo Gallego. This is a very moving and up-lifting experience; please plan on attending if you are able to do so.
- ✓ Fr. Dave stated that he has finished his 2nd 3-year term on the Priest placement board.

Chair Comments:

- ✓ Marc reminded everyone that there are low gluten hosts available; please contact Kathy Beuscher for information.
- ✓ At the June Parish Council meeting, Marc would like to discuss events of the past year and concerns for the future.
- ✓ There will be a gathering for the Parish staff and Council members on August 21, 2011. The place is yet to be determined.

Parish Stewardship Assessment:

- ✓ Barbara Vite, Director of Parish Stewardship for the Archdioceses, will lead parish staff and key parish leaders through a 90 minute session to examine seven aspects of parish life. Data from the assessment will form the basis for our plan to strengthen our parish as we grow and live as faithful stewards. This will take place on May 18, 2011, 7 – 8:30p in the Marcy Center. Please RSVP to Kay Martin.

Committee Reports: Armand reported from the Prayer and Worship committee that there was good attendance at all the Easter Masses, and that Cathy LaFond & Diane Hirsch will be scheduling the Eucharistic Ministers.

Open Discussion: Mindy said “thank you” to everyone for the baby gift. Fr. Sean is excited about the up-coming Vocation camp coming up. Fr. Dave celebrated 35 years of Priesthood and Fr. Sean celebrated 2 years.

Closing Prayer: All

Adjourned @ 9:00 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Diane Wingenter