

St. Dominic Parish
15 Union St., Westfield, NY 14787

10th PPC Meeting on July 17,2017(Monday) at 7:00 PM in Westfield, New York

Agenda:

1. Unfinished business:
 - 1.1. Upon this rock campaign – Diocesan representatives: Mr. Jim Gallager will make a follow-up and commitment for upon this rock campaign
 - 1.2. Brocton roof updates
 - 1.3. Spaghetti supper updates
2. SDP Catholic Faith Formation Course for all Teaching Ministries – See attached copy
3. SDP Zoning and Community Organizing Action Plan – See attached copy
4. Reports from PPC Committees: Education & Youth, Worship/Liturgy, Parish Life Services, Building and grounds/Cemetery, Finance report – See attached file Diocesan Audit Report.

9th Minutes of the PPC Meeting on June 19, 2017 in Brocton, New York

Presider: The meeting was presided by Dan Quagliana.

Attendance: Fran Lus, Jim Crolle, Joe Giambra, Dan Quagliana, Camile Belcher, Phil Baideme, Pat Tate, Debby Ruland, Fr. Romeo Hontiveros

Absent: Natalie Hoebener, Lucy Rasinski, Bob Ducato

Previous Minutes of the Meeting: Dan asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Phil motioned to approve the minutes and Camile seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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1. Unfinished Business

1.1 Upon this Rock Campaign – Diocesan representatives Jim Gallager and Nick Scannella will be there for the campaign follow-up.

Jim and Nick presented the campaign once again. They gave out handouts for each member and there was much discussion.

1.2 Brocton Roof Updates

Pat stated that he spoke the Dan Delorenzo and he wants to get started when it is not so hot. Dan asked if he gave a time frame for the whole project. Pat stated that he did not. Camile has an issue with this because she was always told that it was always best to shingle a roof when it is hot outside. If we wait till September or football season we will be dealing with rain. Pat stated that is dangerous to be on a roof when it is so hot. Camile stated that it should not be started past October, this is a no-go. It should be started by the 1st of September. Pat asked if the Council wanted him to go back and say it should be started by the 1st of September and the Council unanimously said no later than September 1st. Phil will back to Dan Delorenzo and encourage him to start by September 1st if not before.

1.3 Family Life Ministry

Father stated that in Brocton we have three individuals that have signed up so far. In Westfield, there is one. Father said we cannot contact the Diocese regarding these ministries because we do not have enough signed up. We need more people. Dan asked if anyone had any ideas as to how we could get more individuals to sign up. Jim asked, weren't we going to put in the bulletin about each ministry. Father has done a good job explaining about the ministries from the Pulpit but people want to read it. Father said it is not in the bulletin but in the back of the Church. Phil said that maybe to attract more people we should put something in the bulletin. We were going to do one of these ministries each week. Father stated that he has explained about them in his write-up in the bulletin. He has asked parishioners personally to join these ministries and has been refused. How much more can I do? Jim stated that if they refused maybe it was because they didn't understand. Father said they refused because it is not a priority. Phil said that maybe they don't understand the commitment they would have i.e. look at this committee, it is the same people all the time. Nobody wants to commit the time it takes. Father asks for our help and he feels a personal invitation is more effective. Camile asked if the people that signed up got up and gave a personal appeal saying why they chose that ministry. Jim stated that a lot of people won't get up in front of a group and speak and that would be a challenge. Jim felt that the parishes should not be split up, that we are all one Church and parish and we should be doing this together. Dan said people float between both parish's and Jim said which is why we should be doing these things as one parish not two sites. Dan said he agreed with him 100% on this but not all things. Father said that people feel more comfortable around their own area because they know the people and the area. He also said we cannot enforce our ideas. Father said if we were organized we could share resources. Dan stated that he signed up in Westfield but he will reach out to the individuals who signed up in Brocton and have some dialogue. Camile felt that was an excellent idea.

1.4 Pro-Life

Father stated that there is no update for Pro-Life. Sue Boneberg heads this ministry.

1.5 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Father stated that no one has signed up to date.

1.6 Evangelization

Father informed the committee that there is one volunteer in Westfield and one in Brocton. This ministry is to target people to come to church. Until more sign up we cannot begin.

1.7 Spaghetti Supper Update

Pat stated that do we want to have a spaghetti supper and if we do when and who. Dan asked, do we have enough people to put together a spaghetti supper. Debby said that is the problem. Camile stated our parish is getting old. We need young people. We need to get the people back that left when the merger happened. Debby stated that we have had 130 responses on the letters that went out. She went through the envelopes and there are 34 that come every

week but have not responded to the letter. 13 deceased and 40 were returned because of incorrect address/moved away or they are attending another church.

So, we know about 216 members out of 400 letters that went out. It looks like 164 families are members but do not attend church. Father said if you belong to this church you should be attending Mass. Dan asked if anyone would like to head up the spaghetti supper. Should we table this for the next meeting and the response was yes. Camile stated comments that she has been told that we should have only one a year. Because of the age of the volunteers it is just too hard for them to keep doing this. Pat asked what about another type of dinner that doesn't take as much preparation.

1.8 By-Laws of Board of Trustees

Jim stated the only change was the insertion of the names. Father responded yes. The By-Laws were signed and Debby will send to the Diocese.

2. Reports from the PPC Committees

2.1 Education & Youth

Dan read the report submitted Natalie. VBS application have been provided worship site for anyone interested in attending this year. This is a collaboration of Dunkirk, Fredonia and Brocton/Westfield parishes. Only one qualified senior has been awarded the Fr. Macquire Scholarship this year. The recipient will be given the award at the school honors award ceremony. Registration for the 2017-2018 year will begin in late August. Confirmation class will be having their hot dog sale in August and September. This past year has been self-sufficient due to the fact that the curriculum is digital and already purchased or donated. New textbooks for the elementary grades will be covered by the cost of the tuition.

2.2 Parish Life Service

Debby read Lucy's update. There was meeting held on June 8, 2017. Feedback received re: 3rd Sunday coffee and doughnuts at Brocton site after 8:30 am Mass. Information was presented regarding Family Life, Youth and Evangelism ministries. Brainstorming on how we as a church can help newcomers and/or returning parishioners feel welcome and a part of our church family. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 7:00 pm at the Westfield site.

2.3 Building & Grounds

Pat reported that both parking lots are done and the roof is scheduled. In Westfield there is a tree that needs to be trimmed that is interfering with the lines. The Westfield electric department will take care of this. If they do not take care of the tree that is in the back that is dying, we will ask the people who are taking the stumps out so the fence can be put in to give an estimate.

2.4 Finance Committee

Camile informed the committee that she and Debby met with Holy Trinity regarding the PDS Ledger system from the Diocese. She shared some reports that they prepared for us so we can see what they can do. Camile reported that the cost would only be to purchase the software, we already have the expense of support because we use a portion of PDS now. Camile also said that Debby would be trained by the Diocese. Camile shared that she is sold on this, she recommends leaving the accounting firm that is costing us \$14,000/yr. and bring it back in-house. Joe suggested starting September 1st. The Finance Committee informed the PPC that is when we would start. Jim made a motion that we start the new accounting system the 1st of September this year and terminate the present contract after the year-end report is given.

Dan asked if all those were in favor and the committee responded in favor. No opposed. Jim also wanted the committee to know that the Finance Committee is really dedicated to get the Parish back on its feet. They are looking at everything, requisitions, costs, etc. We want to get back on solid ground.

2.5 Worship/Liturgy

Father told everyone that June 23rd is the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. There is a novena also.

Pat said that there is a Mass for Fr. Joe on Friday by the Altar & Rosary Society and informed the Committee of Fr. Joe's prostate cancer.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and all were in favor. Dan said the prayer. The next meeting is the 3rd Monday which is July 17th at 7:00 pm in Westfield.

Recorded by: Ms. Debby Ruland, PPC Secretary