

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

11th PPC Meeting on August 21,2017(Monday) at 7:00 PM in Brocton, New York

Agenda:

1. Unfinished business:
 - 1.1. Upon this rock campaign updates
 - 1.2. Brocton roof updates
 - 1.3. Spaghetti supper updates
2. SDP Catholic Faith Formation Course for all Teaching Ministries updates
3. SDP Zoning and Community Organizing Action Plan updates
4. Reports from PPC Committees: Education & Youth, Worship/Liturgy, Parish Life Services, Building and grounds/Cemetery, Finance report
 3. Others: Agenda coming from the reports and minutes

10th Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on July 17, 2017 in Westfield, NY

Presider: The meeting was presided by Joe Giambra.

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

Absent: Natalie Hoebener, Bob Ducato and Dan Quagliana

Opening Prayer: The prayer was led by Joe Giambra

Previous Minutes of the Meeting: Joe asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Pat stated that under Buildings & Grounds it said that the Electric Dept. would take care of the tree in the back at Westfield but they won't, we will have to. The cost will be around \$600 and a lot of labor on our part. Phil motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and Pat seconded it. All were in favor.

1. Agenda

1.1 Upon This Rock Campaign – Rick Suchan, Executive Director of the Diocese of Buffalo and Jim Gallager attended the meeting to again talk to us regarding the campaign requested by Bishop Malone. They would like to develop a plan for us today. They reviewed the campaign once again and wanted to develop a time frame. This would take around 6-8 weeks to complete. Rick stated that he would be available to talk to any parishioner that might be interested in contributing from their restate, life insurance, etc. as they have had many do that already. The Diocese' goal is to educate the parishioners as to what goes on in the Diocese and what expenses are incurred, i.e. financial responsibilities. They want them to be a part of keeping the Church alive. There was much discussion between Rick, Jim and the Council

members. Rick stated that this is not just a money scam, it is to be used to set up programs to try and bring people back to church. We need to come up with something that will bring them back before it is too late. Father spoke to them and explained from his heart what he has learned from his parishioners since he has been here and he is worried for them. How can he ask anymore from them than they do now, he just can't? The Council stated that they just can't go door to door. They have been there before and just cannot do it again. The Council asked Rick and Jim to please just take our message back to the Bishop. We need to get our financial condition back in shape before we can do anything else. We are in the process to try and rectify this now and we are making progress but we need time. We are not saying "No" we are just saying "Not Now". Rick stated that he will take our message back and see if they can come up with something. Camile said, we are not saying no, we do believe in it but we just can't do it now.

1.2 Brocton Roof Update – Pat talked with Mike DeLorenzo and we have some materials already and some still needs to be ordered. He suggested to Mike that he should start the roof in August. Discussion was had on the cost of materials and how that should be paid. It was decided to take the cost of the material already paid for out of his startup money and he should pay for any other needed material out of his money. Betty stated that we should revise the contract. After revising everyone could initial it and it will be legal. We will deduct what we have paid for and give him the balance of the down payment.

1.3 Spaghetti Update – No updates.

1.4 Resignation – Lucy has resigned from the Parish Pastoral Council. Father will be appointing Betty Deland as our new Parish Accountant as soon as a job description has been developed. This is a voluntary position. Betty is also appointed as member of the Parish Council. Camile suggested that Betty also be a member of the Finance Council also. Everyone agreed.

2. SDP Catholic Faith Formation Course for all Teaching Ministries – Camile asked Father if he has contact with Natalie and do we have a list of volunteers that teaching. Father's response was "no". He sent her a memo to submit this information but her reply was that she does not work in July. Father had no knowledge that she wasn't working. She said she wouldn't have it available until the end of August. Jim asked where the job descriptions came from. Father said when he came there was no job description for anyone. Natalie wrote up all the job descriptions after talking with other parishes. She needs to submit all this information soon. Father informed the committee that Dianna Giambra will be heading up the religious education in Brocton. This also is a voluntary position. There was much discussion on this. We don't want to separate or divide the parish, this is not our goal but we need to do something. Father said there are two types of managing. He has been observant over this past year. We are not trying to divide but bring back, we are still one. Look at Ripley, they are so angry, I don't know how to bring them back. We must look at the community and get individuals of each to work with their community to bring them to

one. This is his goal, not separate but start at each community first to reach out. Jim asked so how are we going to do this with religion. Father said that Natalie will oversee Westfield and Ripley and Dianna will have Brocton. Jim also stated that Natalie's salary should be less. She will be doing less work. Jim stated that this will have to be watched. New time sheets were reviewed. Father talked about the training for teachers. He will be doing the training. This way he will know all his teachers and what they know and what they should know. This plan is to go out to communities and see what are their needs. The teaching ministry would know what are their needs. We must start at the communities, this does not mean we are not one parish but we need to start small. Education is the most important thing in communities then spiritual. Debby said three hours in August getting people together will be hard. There was discussion regarding the date and it was decided to start in September. Father said the meeting place will depend upon the needs of the people but the content will be the same. People don't know the 10 commandments, they know little about religion, so we need to teach them. These classes would be like an hour. Father said he will ask a lot of questions so he can learn what the people know and then he can decide what to teach. Father is asking the Committee's approval because this is parish wide and he wants the Council to be aware of what we do. Pat suggested that the classes be one hour and there should be classes in both locations because he felt you would get a better turn out. Jim said that we should lead by example and should attend these gatherings and bring someone with us. At least one person whether it be spouse, neighbor or someone who is hesitant. Tell them "come with us for one hour and learn about our faith". Jim suggested having coffee and donuts or something after the discussion. **It was decided to have these gatherings on Mondays for one month. The time will be 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm every Monday for a month starting Sept. 25th through Oct. 16th.** The date of the Parish Council meeting will be changed. Pat suggested that something be put in the bulletin explaining what this is all about beforehand.

3. SDP Zoning and Community Organizing Action Plan – Jim felt that this is similar to what we just talked about. Father teaching faith but also reaching out to the community by inviting them to these sessions. Father said that we are a big parish but we don't have mass base. Father felt the problem is belongingness. We need to help them feel they belong. If there is no belongingness in the community then how can we expect them to belong to the church. St. Dominic is a big parish church so we need to be a support system. We could provide spiritual and resource help if we are organized. We could become a very strong parish, that is the secret to becoming organized. Father commented that he needs to know their needs before he can assess the needs. Betty feels very strongly that Father should get on Face Book and deliver his message, everyone listens on Face Book. Father said he could have daily readings. Jim felt that we should concentrate on the monthly meetings first then tackle this so we will feel more comfortable going out with what we've learned. So, it was decided that after Faith Formation we will do organizing. Organizing will be discussed again at our October meeting.

4. Reports from PPC Committees

4.1 Education & Youth – There are no updates this month.

4.2 Worship & Liturgy – Father said that there are week-day Masses in Westfield on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and in Brocton on Tuesday and Thursdays. We have Holy Hour in Brocton once a month, the second Wednesday and in Westfield, every Friday after Mass. There is a First Friday in Westfield Holy Hour from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. He also has Mass on the first Friday at Absolute. The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday in Westfield and there are approximately 16 members. August 8th is the Feast Day of St. Dominic.

4.3 Parish Life Services – Father told the Committee that Lucy handed in her resignation. She resigned from Parish Life and Parish Council. So now we need someone to take over Parish Life.

4.4 Buildings & Grounds – Pat informed the Committee that the tree that must come down will cost us \$600 and Joe will take it away. This will save us \$400. He also reported about the privacy fence in the backyard. The stumps have been ground down and cleaned up and ready for the fence. The fence has been ordered. By the next meeting it should be all wrapped up.

4.5 Finance Committee – Camile said basically, Betty, Debby and I are ready to go to Buffalo to train for the PDS Ledger system. No is no cost for this other than the tech support which is \$64.50/mo. And we have been paying this since 2009.

4.6 Diocesan Audit Report – Debby brought a complete copy for everyone to see. If anyone wanted a copy they are to let Debby know.

4.7 Cemetery – No report.

Joe asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for August 21st in Brocton at 7:00 pm.

Jim motioned to close the meeting and Camile seconded it. All were in favor.

Closing prayer was said by Joe.

Recorded by: Debby Ruland, PPC Secretary