

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

12 th PPC Meeting on October 23,2017(Monday) at 7:00 PM in Westfield, New York

Agenda:

1. Unfinished business:
 - 1.1. Upon this rock campaign updates
 - 1.2. Brocton roof updates
2. Bishop Malone's visit & confirmation: Mass at Brocton 4:00 PM on December 16,2017
3. Parish picnic with Bishop Malone on December 16,2017 after the Mass
4. Reports from PPC Committees: Education & Youth – Dianna Giambra (below 18 yrs old), Bob Ducato (18 Above – Adult formation), Worship/Liturgy – Fr. Romy, Parish Community Life Services – Fran Lus for Brocton & Jim Crolle for Westfield & Ripley, Building and grounds – Pat Tate/Cemetery – Bob Ducato, Finance report – Camille Belcher, Phil Baideme, Jim Crolle & Betty Deland
5. St. Dominic RC Church Board of Trustees Meeting in November ____ with Bishop Malone – President, Msgr. Slubecky – Vice President, Fr. Hontiveros – Secretary/Treasurer, Camille Belcher & Phil Baideme – Lay Trustee
6. Others: Agenda coming from the reports and minutes

11th Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on August 21, 2017 in Brocton, N.Y.

Presider: The meeting was presided by Dan Quagliana.

Opening Prayer: Prayer was led by Jim Crolle.

Attendees: Fran Lus, Joe Giambra, Natalie Hoebener, Dan Quagliana, Jim Crolle, Fr. Romy and Debby Ruland. Also attending the meeting was Haleigh Hoebener.

Absent: Pat Tate, Bob Ducato and Phil Baideme.

Previous Minutes of the Meeting: Dan asked if there were any changes or corrections to July's minutes. There were no changes or corrections. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

Father's one-year anniversary: The council congratulated Fr. Romy for his one-year anniversary.

1. Unfinished Business

1.1 Upon this Rock Updates – Debby stated that they had called and left a message proposing an option for us. The message was kind of two-fold. It said that if we did the Upon This Rock, whatever we collected would go to

pay off our outstanding assessment. As the message went on he said that if we raised at least \$60,000 they would apply it toward the assessment. So, we are not entirely sure what they were getting after. Debby told the Council that they wanted us to get started right away on this. They wanted us to start in September and close by mid-December. Dan asked the Council if we were proceeding with this. Camile said that at the last meeting it was left totally in the air. We enlightened them into some of our financial challenges in this Parish. We feel they were a little surprised of the financial condition we were in. They promised to go back and tell the Bishop what they had learned from us at the meeting. Jim asked Father how he took that message from Rick. He did not feel it was an ultimatum. Father said that he previously told them he would not do it. Father asked if anyone here would do it....go door to door asking for money. The Council also said they would not do it. Dan asked that as a Council should we table it? Jim suggested going back with a counter offer, but Father said that this is not their plan. They want us to go door to door and asked them to pledge. Camile said that we should not do this, and she will not do this. Jim agreed with Camile and went on to say that the Diocese also wants us to have automatic withdrawals from our bank accounts for the education assessment and the general assessment. That would be approximately \$1,500/mo. first thing out of our account each month. As far as responding regarding "Upon This Rock" Father wanted to wait and see the recommendation of the Council before returning the call. The Council felt that Jim's approach of a counter offer was the way to go. Natalie suggested if we returned the call with this response to follow it up with a letter stating what we want to do. At this time all Father wants to do is listen and do nothing. Joe felt that we should delay this for a couple of years so we have time to get things going properly. He does not feel that the Diocese will change what they want us to do. He does not think that they will let one parish not do this when all the other parishes have. Father stated that this is true. Joe felt that if they want us to do this they should give Father time to get the Parish on its feet financially first. Father has only been here one year and he needs time. Joe suggested calling them and telling them that we would be glad to do it in a couple of years but we cannot do it before that. Fran said he was very disappointed with them especially regarding the way Catholic Charities was handled. Jim asked the Council "then what should we do"? The response was not to return the call. The Council agreed to silence.

1.2 Brocton Roof Updates – Debby informed the Council that the Church has been completed and it has all been paid for.

1.3 Spaghetti Supper Updates – There has been no volunteers to head this up. Right now, there is nothing planned for the Fall.

2. St. Dominic Parish Faith Formation Course for all Teaching Ministries Updates – Father would like to have some seminars on all teaching ministries. These

would run from September to October. We would have to move our Finance Council meeting and the PPC meeting. These would involve everyone, we are all teachers. Father stated that he would personally present seminars to the teaching ministries. This is the entire Parish and Jim stated that we were all to attend and bring someone with us. September 25th through October 16th is the length of time, it will be every Monday at 7:00 pm and will be held at both sites with one in Brocton one week and then Westfield the next week. All teaching ministries must attend or Father may have the excuse them from their duties. Natalie stated regular Faith Formation classes will start September 24th. The fee is \$15 per family and if they cannot pay they don't have to. The Faith Formation ministry is self-sufficient and we do the best we can. The kids do fund raisers and we get donations. Last year we had 28 students and this year I don't know until we have registration. Dianna has eight students enrolled in Brocton and fees have been paid. Classes start Sept. 7th in Brocton. So, there is a difference in class start time. Jim asked how much class time does the Diocese suggest that this is. Natalie said that there is no suggested time. She said a good 35 hrs. a year, class time, seminar and retreats. There is no word "mandatory" in our program.

3. St. Dominic Parish Zoning and Community Organizing Action Plan Updates

– Father would like to start this in October for organization. In Brocton, St. Patrick, I have asked Fran Lus to be the Chairman. For Westfield and Ripley, I have asked Jim Crolle to be Chairman. Now we need to set a date for the Assembly in both sites. I need a date so I can send letters to invite parishioners and community members. Jim felt that they should get together and discuss this with Father first. These will be held in October. This is very new and very challenging.

4. Reports from PPC Committees

4.1 Education and Youth – Natalie stated that this is exciting.....a new program that the Diocese is putting out there but will take up to three years to complete. There is a web site for parents and for students. The Diocese is focusing on families and when we do things in the Parish we want to say "community" because not all people have children. The goal is to bring intergenerational catechists into the Parish over the next three years. She stated that because we have less students due to people leaving, etc. they suggest having catechist once a month. She said kids learn by seeing, we are all disciples. Our youth could bring people together by helping individuals with maybe the internet, etc. Jim asked if she had a written report, she stated that she will email to him. Father said that this is your plan but you need to discuss with me so I can approve. We do not want to conflict with what each of us is trying to do. Father would like a one-year plan. Haleigh spoke for the youth of the Parish. She said that the youth would like to know why Faith Formation Classes are being held in both Brocton and Westfield. She said that the youth was very happy with the way things were. They liked Natalie and they do not understand why Brocton will be with Brocton and Westfield will be with Westfield. Father stated that it is this way because he is in

charge. There are reasons why this change was made but we don't need to discuss them now.

4.2 Worship/Liturgy – Father informed the Council that there is a monthly Holy Hour in Brocton for the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and in Westfield they have Holy Hour every week after the Friday 9:00 am Mass. He informed them that the co-chairman for Brocton is Debby Ruland and the co-chairman for Westfield is Mary Ann Ellington. They will help prepare for the Holy Days i.e. Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas.

4.3 Parish Life Services – Father informed the Council that Lucy has resigned. Right now, we have no one in charge of this.

4.4 Building and Grounds – Pat was absent so no report. Joe did talk about the security cameras for the Westfield site. He was asked to get some quotes from different places and talk with Pat regarding this.

4.5 Cemetery – Bob was absent so no report.

4.6 Finance Report – Camile stated that herself and Debby attended the training for the PDS Ledger. Debby will begin Sept. 1st taking over for RJ Financial. No other report at this time.

Dan asked if anyone had anything else to add or comment on. There were none.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for October 23rd in Westfield at 7:00 pm.

Closing prayer was said by Dan.

Recorded by: Debby Ruland, PPC Secretar