

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

15th PPC Meeting in Westfield on January 15,2018 at 7:00 PM

Agenda:

1. SDP One-year plan 2018 (see the plan below) – Fr. Romy
2. Parish Thrift Store Plan (see the plan below) – Jim Crolle
3. Reports from PPC Committees:
 - 3.1. Education & youth below 18yrs old – Dianna Giambra
 - 3.2. Education & youth 18 yrs old above – Bob Ducato
 - 3.3. Liturgy & Music – Fr. Romy
 - 3.4. Parish community life – Brocton (Fran Lus) & Westfield/Ripley (Jim Crolle)
 - 3.5. Building & grounds – Pat Tate
 - 3.6. Cemetery – Bob Ducato
 - 3.7. Finance report – Finance Committee
4. Others: Agenda coming from reports and minutes

14th Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting December 18, 2017

Presider: Dan Quagliana presided over the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Jim led the prayer.

Attendees: Bob Ducato, Jim Crolle, Fr. Romy, Joe Giambra, Dianna Giambra, Fran Lus, Phil Baideme, Dan Quagliana, Camile Belcher and Debby Ruland

Guest: Paul Graham

Absent: Betty Deland and Pat Tate

Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Phil motioned to accept the minutes and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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1. **Approval of November Minutes** – Phil motioned to accept the minutes and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. **Paul Graham's Offer** – Paul stated that after seeing the Financial Report he felt that maybe he should volunteer his time. After talking to a couple priests they supported that the fact that he should be paid for his work. The Church budgets for this position and it should be left at that. Paul felt he should stay on the payroll. Bob stated that there was at one time an organist that donated half of her salary to the Church but we can't just have volunteers. Jim thanked Paul for considering this. He did say that a volunteer doesn't really have to follow certain responsibilities where as paid position has to follow these responsibilities. Jim felt things should stay as they are and Paul should not volunteer his time. Fran and Bob also agreed.

3. St Dominic RCC Board of Trustees Annual Meeting Report – Jim stated that we, as a Church, has to have an annual meeting consisting of the President-Bishop Malone, Vice President-Fr. Slovek, Secretary-Fr. Romy and the two trustees. The meeting was held but the Bishop and Fr. Slovek could not attend so they performed a quorum. Phil motioned acceptance of the report and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor. Father informed the committee that the report has already been sent to the Diocese.

4. Evaluation of One-Year Plan 2016-2017 – Dan asked if everyone remembered putting this together last year. There were 11 items to this:

a. We needed the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council to put together a scheduled meeting day and time once a month. We have met that goal.

b. The Pastoral Council should put together a one year plan for evangelization, teaching ministry, and includes pre-baptism, pre-confirmation, pre-Cana, family & life, youth catechism by grade level, out-of-school youth, single young adult over 18 yrs. old, family evangelization-one on one, bible study and media evangelization. In Dan's opinion we were meeting this goal and we have had a change in the Faith Formation leadership. He said that Natalie resigned and Dianna has accepted the position. So this goal hasn't been exactly met we are working on it. Father stated that we also have Bob Ducato which will handle age 18 and up for adult education. So this is still work in progress.

c. We also have service which is, elderly/nursing homes/etc., homebound Eucharistic ministers, cemetery/funeral service, hungry & homeless, social justice issues for life vs. abortion, outreach program-spaghetti supper, socialization like line dancing, socialization with coffee after Tuesday Mass, prison. Dan stated that we haven't started the line dancing but Father stated that we had Thai-Chi. Dan felt this is a goal that we are striving for completion but we are working towards this.

d. The parish council is also working toward goals for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers, choir, cantor, family prayer w/rosary & bible sharing, Marian devotions on months of October & flower of May, St. Feast day celebrations like St. Dominic, our patron saint, divine mercy feast day, novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sunday liturgy, Christmas season liturgy, Lent season liturgy, epiphany presentation and Holy Child. Dan stated that even though we haven't hit every single item in this list, we have been going in the right direction. We have had the rosary said during May and October, Bob's classes, Stations of the Cross during Lent.

e. We were also to devise a parish census, map and zoning for Westfield, Brocton and Ripley. We have started with this with letters going out. Father also stated that we also have community meetings going on with Fran chairing Brocton and Jim chairing Westfield/Ripley.

f. Next was PPC organizational chart and functions, monthly meeting and parish assembly.

g. Parish budget, parish stewardship education for parish support. Jim indicated that we have a budget. We will see more of this now that we have the new system. The counters will count together and deposit the money every Monday. We are meeting these goals or at least are on-going.

5. PPC Member Nomination: a. Linda Wolfe and b. PPC term of office – on hold – Father recommends Linda Wolfe to join the council. He plans on her being responsible for communication. Linda would be in charge in the Westfield area and Joe would be in charge of the Brocton area. Father indicated that this would mean the web site, newspaper, media so that our activities are communicated to other communities. Father is also waiting for the recommendation of the parish council for the nomination of Linda Wolfe. Jim motioned to nominate Linda and Phil seconded. All were in favor. Joe suggested that anything being put in the paper regarding the church should be looked over by someone before submitting to the paper. Father stated, that is why there will be someone in charge so that they have to review everything.

6. Reports from PPC Committees:

6.1 Education & Youth below 18 yrs. old – Dianna reported that Confirmation went very well. The Bishop was very pleased with our youth. It was very nice having the dinner down stairs because everyone got to visit with the Bishop. Classes will start after the new year.

Above 18 yrs. old – Bob reported that he is working on the program of the cycles of the church calendar. This will be done sometime in late April.

6.2 Worship and Liturgy – Fr. Romy stated that there was a general meeting last year. We are also planning for this coming year. There are some changes i.e. the Novena and the Feast St. Dominic. For Lent we will have the penance service and we should have a day or half day of reflection. We would need some speakers. Father would do this, so he will work on it.

6.3 Parish Community Life Services: Brocton-Fran Lus, Westfield-Jim Crolle – Fran stated that he has had three meetings. Two were mostly just ideas and talking but the third meeting was productive. We found our weaknesses. We have volunteers to chair the committees and hope to show accomplishments in the very near future. We are moving in the right direction. Jim stated that the Westfield community has had two meetings. Because of the holiday and confirmation our third meeting will not be until January. We do have some committees set up and people volunteering. They sent out Christmas cards to all the parishioners. We are coming together. We are reaching out to the Ripley community. We are hoping to have something in Ripley in January.

6.4 Buildings & Grounds – Pat was absent today so we don't have a report.

6.5 Cemetery Committee – Bob said they had a cleanup on November 4th at the cemetery. In addition he has been working on the columbarium project for the church. He has also talked with Titus and Premier. There is still a lot of work to be done on this. As soon as he has all the numbers he will present to the committee with a recommendation.

6.6 Finance Council – Phil stated that we received the report in the bulletin. Comments made to members are that they were quite surprised to see that we have to use our savings to pay the bills. Jim feels that we should continue to put things in the bulletin and we should put something about our meetings and our financial reports in there also. Camile suggested that instead of putting everything in the bulletin, which would be an extra expense, we should put in there that minutes or whatever are posted on the bulletin board. Then post the minutes to our meetings on the bulletin boards. Jim said we should put something in there that shows that we are actively working on things. Once they are approved we will post on bulletin board and put in web site.

7. Others – Father said that he received the minutes from the Diocese meeting. They are talking about reducing Masses because of low attendance. This is a signal of church closing again. Let us be aware. They want a count of attendance at each Mass. This was in the minutes, so nothing has been dictated to us as of yet. If you love your parish you must be involved. This is why communities are so important. We need to reflect as to why people don't come to church. We need to get the people back that have left. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The next meeting is January 15th.

Phil suggested that there be a 10 day notice of any meetings in the bulletin.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting and Phil seconded it.

Dan said the closing prayer.

Recorded by Debby Ruland