

St. Dominic Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026 – 7:00pm

Cherry Street Annex Building

Attending: Father Jim, Lynette Eilermann, Chris Holthaus, Barb Koopmann, Tony Antonacci, Steve Usselmann, Maribeth Detmer, John Becker, Jason Miller, Lisa Rivera, Suann Fields, Brian Albers, Helen Essenpreis

Absent: Connie Robben

Call to Order: Lynette Eilermann

Opening Prayer: Lynette Eilermann

Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Approved by Maribeth Detmer, seconded by Steve Usselmann

Approval of May Agenda: Approved by Tony Antonacci seconded by Lisa Rivera

ASA Advisory Council member: Ann Klostermann

ASA Advisory Council Report: Ann reporting

- A. Enrollment was discussed. As of the last meeting, there are 76 outstanding enrollments from last year students.
- B. Still working on parish representatives for St. Dominic. We now have male candidates who have accepted nominations, so elections will be held soon.

Hispanic Ministry: Helen reporting

- A. Launching a new Diocesan Immigrant Accompaniment Commission. The first meeting is May 16th.
- B. Hispanic youth day is June 13th at St. Stephen's, Caseyville.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Committee Reports:

A. Building and Maintenance: John reporting

- 1. Cafeteria
 - Options for upgrading the cafeteria HVAC and ventilation fans – Litteken's met with Kohnen's. Awaiting an updated quote.
 - Looking into new LED light fixtures.
- 2. Rectory
 - Looking into feasibility study.
- 3. Church
 - Getting another quote from Agilix for steeple lighting.
 - Whitey Grapperhaus and Ron Voss completed filling the depressions on the annex lot with dirt. The lot across from Ace will be done after the picnic.
 - Piano and PA system is now complete.
 - Contacting original painter, Autenreib, for touchup painting.
 - Contacting contractor, Warnecke, for price to reseal church.
 - Steeple has minor roof damage that will need to be addressed.
- 4. Acquiring bids for new fence north of elementary school.

B. Liturgy/Stewardship: No report

C. Finance: Chris reporting

1. Policies and procedures were developed for using Venmo and Square Reader. The committee approved. The policy will be emailed to the Parish Council members. Could possibly use this for parish events. Must have good Wi-Fi to utilize.
2. Approved payments of Feb and March subsidies (MD & ASA).

D. Spiritual Formation: Helen reporting

1. Youth ministry submitted a monthly activity summary:
 - Luke 18 was a success, held April 17th-18th.
 - 8th graders are now invited to Life Nights.
 - 4 youth committed to attending the Steubenville retreat at Missouri State University July 17th-19th. Erin Etheridge is coordinating with Fr. Lugge and she will attend as chaperone.
 - The next Life Night is a social at Deacon Jay's on May 22nd at 6pm.
 - Future meetings will be held at St. Dominic's rectory on the second floor. The group is thankful for the space provided by St. Augustine's but has outgrown it.
 - Planning to begin Bible studies again this summer. Dates and details coming soon.
 - Just a reminder, the group is always seeking volunteers to provide/support meals for the Life Nights throughout the year. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church or reach out to any youth ministry leader.
2. Youth Faith Formation participants are being asked to complete the SAFE compliance program from the diocese.
3. Fr. Jim, Helen Essenpries, and Maribeth Hodapp are planning a trip to our sister parish in Guatemala this June. They will take along coloring books and colors collected by ASA.
4. A survey was sent out to PSR parents and will be extended to all adults, for their ideas on a once a month program for adult education.
5. A suggestion was made for a Garden Rosary Prayer Night. This would include praying the rosary one Sunday per month, with families assisting in the decades.

E. Community/Welcoming: Lynette reporting

1. No new parishioners in April.
2. Sent out 5 baptismal cards, 1 marriage card, 7 anniversary cards, and 2 sympathy cards.
3. Sold Roses for Life at weekend masses May 9-10th. Thanks to Connie and Kent Robben for picking the roses up.
4. Next event is cookies and lemonade celebrating graduates after 11am mass on May 31st.

F. Media: Lisa reporting

1. Sign up genius has been made for the picnic. It will be going out this weekend.
2. Made a Google form for stand chairpersons to fill out.
3. Seeking permission for the Knights of Columbus to advertise the 5th Sunday of the month breakfasts on the digital sign. The council approved this.

G. Fundraising: Lynette reporting

1. Capital Campaign – Going well.
2. Dominic Days – 2 day event. The Friday night event is open to the public. Parishioners will not be asked to work, but Parish Council members who are available to work the drink stand should let Lynette know.

- H. St. Joseph's Men's Sodality: John reporting
1. Agreed to the following purchases:
 - New double door freezer to replace the broken one in the cafeteria.
 - New replacement lighting for the front of church.
 - Two replacement step ladders for the annex building.
 2. Planning a gun raffle for this fall. Currently planning to begin ticket sales on September 7th, with the drawing in November. The raffle will consist of 25 guns.
 3. The cemetery report included the correct columbarium is installed. The first one delivered was incorrect. We now have two columbaria at the cemetery.
- I. St. Dominic Altar Sodality: Maribeth reporting
1. Will be donating money to the capital campaign and the general fund for the church. Chalice will be replaced. New cassocks for servers ordered.
 2. Will donate 2 flats of water to St. Vincent DePaul.
- J. Office Manager:
1. Thanks to Tony Antonacci, who has been cleaning up the 2nd and 3rd floors of the rectory. Boxes of records have been moved downstairs for office personnel to review.
 2. Discussed supporting our seminarians. We currently have 5 in southern IL. Possibly do a special collection one weekend.
- K. Fr. Jim
1. Went to the tribunal for the first time today after hip replacement.
 2. The ceremony for the new bishop was wonderful. There was a spirit of joy and much excitement.
 3. End of school is this week and next.
 4. Last day 5/22. No 8:00 mass, but 10:30 all school mass and then dismissal.

Correspondence

- A. Upcoming Events
- a. May 14th – Kindergarten graduation
 - b. May 15th – 8th grade mass
 - c. May 18th – 8th grade graduation
 - d. May 19th – May crowning
 - e. May 22nd – Last day of school
 - f. May 31st - Cookies & lemonade for graduates

- B. Good of the Order: None

Future Business:

- A. Parish Council does not plan to meet in June or July. Next Parish Council Meeting 8/11 at 7:00pm in the Annex.
- B. Capital Campaign Meeting will meet June 9th at 6:00pm in the Annex. Parish Council members are invited to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Maribeth Detmer and seconded by Chris Holthaus

Closing Prayer – Lynette Eilermann

Minutes Submitted by Barb Koopmann