St. Dominic Parish Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026 – 7:00pm
Cherry Street Annex Building

Attending: Father Jim, Lynette Eilermann, Tony Antonacci, Steve Usselmann, John Becker, Jason Miller, Lisa Rivera, Helen Essenpreis, Connie Robben, Chris Holthaus

Absent: Barb Koopmann, Maribeth Detmer, Suann Fields, Brian Albers

Call to Order: Lynette Eilermann

Opening Prayer: Jason Miller

Approval of Aug Meeting Minutes: Approved by Helen, seconded by Connie
Approval of Sept Agenda: Approved by Tony, seconded by Lisa

ASA Advisory Council Report: Emily Niemeyer reporting

A. November 7th ASA Auction with Dueling Pianos, auction preview open to parishioners 5pm-5:30 (following 4pm mass)
B. Discount Dine card being revamped
C. Expressed appreciation to parish for quickly responding to required school repairs
D. Enrollment for school year at 362
E. Grandparents Day is September 18th
F. Family reading night is September 17th

Hispanic Ministry: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Parish Council Election committee consists of outgoing members, Lynette Eilermann, Chris Holthaus, and Connie Robben. Papers requesting nominations will be provided at masses Sept 19-20.

Committee Reports:

A. Building and Maintenance: John reporting
    1. ASA freezer repaired.
    2. Currently reviewing options for a new alarm.
    3. ASA walk-in refrigerator is also old and replacement should be considered soon
    4. Junior High building roof requires repair ASAP. This project is a top priority for capital campaign. Estimated cost is $250K-$300K
    5. Church doors were sealed this year and require annual inspection.

B. Liturgy and Stewardship: No report.

C. Finance: Chris reporting
    1. Four families requested tuition assistance and all were approved with available funding.
    2. ASA subsidy paid thru August and all bills are currently paid

D. Spiritual Formation: Helen reporting

1. Visits to Local parishes – placed on hold as Germantown has not yet responded.
2. Rosary once a month are well attended.
3. Parish Mission – Diane is checking with Oddwalk regarding possibly adding a 4th day as we want the mission to start on a Sunday and in order to incorporate Youth Faith Formation, we would need a 4th day.
4. Walk with Mary – plans are being made to have this for the month of October. A blessing for the walkers will be September 27 and closing November 1. Throughout the month there will be special dates to gather to pray the rosary together along with praying the rosary before mass on Sundays.
5. ProLife – 40 days for Life will begin shortly.
6. Youth Faith Formation and Youth Ministry – going well. Youth Ministry has moved their room to the rectory at St. Dominic for more space.

E. Community/Welcoming: Lynette reporting
    1. Collecting donations for nursing home and assisted living facilities in September.
    2. Sent out 7 anniversary cards, 4 sympathy cards, 3 baptism cards, and 1 marriage card.
    3. Next event is Playpen collection in October, followed by Giving Tree in Nov-Dec.

F. Media: No report

G. Fundraising: Lynette reported that the Capital Campaign is progressing. Parishioner testimonials are being sent out weekly via bulletin and Constant Contact. Townhall meetings are planned for Sept. 27th after 11am mass and 6:45 on Sept 30th. Commitment Sunday/Weekend is November 21-22. $146,600 donated to date. Visits for leadership donations will occur in October. Letter to parishioners will be mailed in mid to late October.

H. St. Joseph's Men's Sodality: John reporting
    1. Met August 27th. Chicken dinner is October 4th. Fish Fry (drive thru) is November 1st, noon-5pm. Hot Dog social after 11am Children's mass is Sept. 20th. Gun raffle starting soon and winners will be drawn on Thursday, November 5th.

I. St. Dominic Altar Sodality: Lynette reporting in Maribeth's absence:
    1. Bring-a-friend meeting is Sept 14th
    2. Rummage Sale setup is October 11th, drop offs begin on the 12th, sale is 22-25
    3. Purse Bingo is November 20th at Breese KC Hall

J. Office Manager:
    1. Office phones are still inoperable. Kevin has been working with the company to transition phones to interconnect with ASA system.
    2. Electronic sign has been offline for about a month. Adam is working with Foppe Signs to resolve.
    3. Ministry Scheduler Pro going live in October.
    4. Duane Grapperhaus is stepping down from helping with microphones and speakers in church. Currently looking for a volunteer to replace Duane. (Update: Michael Garner has volunteered)

K. Fr. Jim
    1. Thanked Steve Usselmann for serving as parish Trustee as this is Steve's last meeting.
    2. Father Jim addressed the 4 pillars of stewardship included in the Bishop's pastoral plan. Those pillars are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.
    3. Father Jim will attend priest convocation in October.

Correspondence

A. Upcoming Events
    a. August / September – Box of Joy donations
    b. September – Collect donations for nursing homes
    c. September 14th – Bring a Friend Ladies Sodality Meeting
    d. September 20th – Catechetical Sunday
    e. October – Playpen for baby donations
    f. October 4th – Chicken dinner
    g. October 22-25 – Rummage Sale (setup October 11th)
    h. November 7th – ASA Auction (4:00 mass)
    i. November 20th – Designer Purse Bingo
    j. November / December – Giving Tree
    k. December 7th – Ladies Sodality Christmas Party

B. Good of the Order: None

Future Business:

A. Next Parish Council Meeting 10/13 at 7:00pm in the Annex. (Capital Campaign at 6:00pm)

Motion to adjourn by John and seconded by Steve
Closing Prayer – Jason Miller
Minutes Submitted by Lynette Eilermann