

St. John's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of the February 18, 2014 Meeting

Present: Fr. Pat Malone, Sharon Hansen, Bill Mullen, Andrew Smith, Martha Lemar, Dick Super, Jane O'Brien, Julia Fleming, Sean Malloy, Rick Bellino, Michelle King, Linda Daly.

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer.

Our guest this month was MaryAnn Rouse who gave a presentation on "Make the Call," an empowerment network that incorporates various programs. The community group meets the second Saturdays of the month at North High School. The long terms goals of the program are peace and progress. Handouts were provided of programs and statistics. There is an Omaha360 challenge and an invitation to organizations to pledge for peace. Sean Malloy commented that we need to do some reading and thinking and discuss further at the March parish council meeting.

The January meeting minutes were approved with changes.

Pastor's Report:

1. The Jesuit provinces are combining into 7 regions from the current 9. As part of our March, April, and May parish council meetings, we will take some time to discuss responses from members of prayer discussion points. It is a time for reflection and change.
2. Elevator—We have previously discussed providing a shuttle service during the construction of the elevator. A question posed is whether the shuttle service is necessary. Fr. Malone will speak to Rick Mcauliffe about reserving parking around the fountain, south of the Fitness Center, and will provide a report next month.
3. The St. Vincent de Paul group will need to be renamed. Dick Super will contact the St. Vincent de Paul group and provide an update on the new name next month.
4. Catholic Charities will be the beneficiary of the "Food for Francis" drive. Discussion took place on an appropriate name for this Lenten food drive. Dick, Laraine, and Rick will work to get receptacles at the entrance doors for the food items. The drive will take place during Lent.
5. Second collection – The February second collection for the building fund will be delayed until the 4th weekend of the month. Fr. Malone will announce this at Masses.

Old Business:

1. The Archdiocese Capital Campaign will be moved to the March meeting.
2. The recognition program for volunteers at St. John's Parish will be discussed at the April or May meeting.
3. Sean Malloy gave a report on the efforts of the Hospitality Committee's first meeting to welcome new parishioners. There was a better turnout on Sunday than Saturday and a successful event. Fr. Malone reminds the committee that a budget will be needed since there are food costs associated with the event.
4. Suzanne Braddock and Vanessa Johns will provide a presentation in March on a parishioner/student proposal discussed earlier this year.
5. A volunteer will be needed to coordinate the Parish Picnic this year. An announcement will need to be placed in the parish newsletter. Since this event has been held for several years, there is good organization and individuals who already help out a lot on this. Martha Lemar volunteered to be the contact person and Laraine offered to help Martha with this effort. The picnic will be held on the last Saturday in July.

New Business:

1. Laraine will be gone for the March parish council meeting.
2. The April parish council meeting will be on April 29 rather than April 22.

Closing:

1. Intentions were offered by those in attendance.
2. Fr. gave a closing prayer.