

St. John's Pastoral Council  
Minutes March 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Laraine Conway.

Present: Fr. Pat Malone, Laraine Conway, Ray Shirley, Linda Daly, Julia Fleming, Martha Lemar, Richard Super, Jane O'Brien, Michele King, Sean Malloy, Bill Mullen, and Rick Belino

Jane O'Brien led the opening prayer.

Minutes of the February meeting will be reviewed at a later date.

Sharing: Move to Greater Love—each Council member shared how the daily reflections have impacted his/her prayer life. The daily reflections have been well received by all.

Pastor's Report:

Personnel:

- New Trustee—Tom Purcell has agreed to serve as the new parish trustee. He was introduced at the 5:00 Mass last weekend. He will begin attending the finance meetings in April and the council meetings in the fall.
- David Scholl will be leaving his position as Liturgy Coordinator. The opening will be announced when he officially submits his resignation.
- Martha Lemar will join the delegation going to El Salvador this summer to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the deaths of Jesuit martyrs and their companions. Martha and others making the weeklong trek will be blessed before they go.

Money Matters:

- Next year's budget was presented to the Finance Council with changes being made. The Council will receive the budget at the April meeting.
- The Capital Campaign is scheduled to begin for St. John's this May—no information has been received as of now.
- Annual audit with Fr. Pat and Kathleen Denne will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Possible fundraiser:

- The Omaha Community Foundation hosts Omaha Gives! as a creative way for non-profits to increase profile and maybe some revenue. Fr. Pat has submitted a form to include St. John's as a participant. The event will take place May 21, 2014.

Elevator:

- To make parking easier during the elevator construction, Fr. Pat will meet with public safety about having the gate by the phys-ed center left open during weekend masses.

- At the time of ground breaking, Fr. Pat would like to have a sprinkling rite and procession into the church for the parishioners before a Sunday mass.

Old Business:

- Arch Diocesan Capital Campaign---Fr. Pat has heard nothing about the May implementation
- St. John's Parish Pledge for Peace-Council's Discernment—We encourage groups to provide information on activities occurring and they will be announced in the newsletter. March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 there will be a memorial at United Methodist Church. Fr. Pat will be attending as a participant.
- St. John's Lenten Pantry Drive Update—Dick Super—First weekend was very successful, second not as much. Dick and Rick Bellino will put a reminder sheet in the newsletter encouraging parishioners to participate each week during Lent with a donation to the pantry.

New Business:

- Recognition of Parishioners who volunteer at St. John's—parishioners will occasionally be asked to stand and be recognized at mass.
- Volunteers to coordinate the Parish picnic, July 26<sup>th</sup>—an appeal for a coordinator will be put in the newsletter. Is this an event the new hospitality committee would want to adopt?
- Other—Ray Shirley would like to facilitate communication between the students and parish for philanthropic events. This Friday there will be a fish fry for ALS at the Skutt Student Center. Tickets may be purchased at the door.
- March 30<sup>th</sup>---The hospitality committee will be hosting a potluck Welcome Spring gathering after the 10:30 Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- Next meeting will be April 29, 2014. Joan Lanahan and Mary Anne Rouse will discuss their trip to India.
- Andrew Smith's last meeting will be in April. Recommendations for new student members will be discussed.

Next meeting:

April 29, 2014---Opening Prayer, Michele King