

St. John's Parish Council Minutes for September 17, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by president Laraine Conway.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Present: Laraine Conway, Ray Shirley, Sean Malloy, Julia Fleming, Fr. Pat Malone, Linda Daly, Dick Super, Jane O'Brien, Michele King, Sharon Hansen, Bill Mullen, and Martha Lemar.
4. Pastor's Report:
 - a. Fr. Malone explained the separate accounts for ongoing maintenance of the church versus the elevator fund.
 - b. Plans are to start ground breaking on the elevator in the spring of 2014.
 - c. Staffing update on filled and the open position of religious ed director; there are approximately 65 students enrolled in religious ed.
 - d. WeShare is coming and plans were discussed on when and how to present to parishioners to minimize confusion.
 - e. Fr. Pat is open to suggestions for fundraisers for the elevator.
 - f. Beginning in October, a staff member will again be present at the parish council meetings.
5. Fr. Pat presented candles for the members present to identify who they will be praying for and dedicating this year of service on the parish council to.
6. Suzanne Braddock gave a presentation on the need to build relationships between Creighton students and St. John's parishioners. Discussion was held on the history and timing of proceeding. Next steps generated were to include Tammi McGill and/or Vanessa Johns to provide input, to focus on freshman, and to collaborate with CSO, CCSJ, and parishioners. Ray Shirley volunteered to help with this effort.

Old Business:

1. Anne Lawlor is working on the hospitality committee. Some meetings have been held with interested volunteers.
2. Anne and Sean Malloy will co-lead the hospitality committee and Scrip committee.
3. Next steps are planning activities; a welcome for Fr. Gilger; and meetings tentatively planned for September 28/29, October 5/6, and October 26/27.
4. Other ideas are to assist new parishioners by providing an information packet and holding a reception for new parishioners semi-annually or quarterly, depending on the need, listing baptisms and new babies; sending cards to new members. Any other ideas that individuals may have should be forward to Anne or Sean.
5. A scrip presentation will be given at the October parish council meeting.
6. A discussion was held on the process of young people applying and training to be servers.
7. The minutes from the August meeting were approved.
8. Vice-president for the 2013-2014 year is Michele King.
9. The covenant dedication will be held at the October meeting due to several members not at this month's meeting.
10. A closing prayer was recited and the meeting adjourned.
11. Next Meeting is October 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.