

St. John's Parish Council
Minutes of the October 15th, 2014 Meeting

Present: Fr. Paddy Gilger, SJ, Laraine Conway, Julia Fleming, Sean Malloy, Helen Wanken, Rick Bellino, Martha LeMar, Bill Mullen, Jane O'Brien and Lulu Alvarez. Absent were Tom Purcell, Michelle King and Sharon Hansen. (Ray Shirley will submit a list of student candidates for his seat on the Parish Council since he is unable to attend.).

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order.

Parish Presenters: 1) Connie Finney gave information on a Kohima, India partnership. She told of her trip to Kohima and gave info on the area and Umbir Parish. (There is a U-Tube video available). She presented Fr. Anon's proposal for a "Twinning" Partnership, a relationship between St. John's and the Umbir parish; no funds would be involved, but sharing Faith, and providing Legal help for: land and schools are among the ideas. Also, there is another Parish trip planned for early in 2015. The Twinning proposal will be discussed further at the November Parish Council meeting.

2) Lory Feldhausen: Requests a Survey of Parishioners to expand their involvement in our Parish. This would include Social options; personal contact with new Parishioners and with those expressing interest in a particular area; Parish News; outreach to parishioners who are ill – hospital visits, meal preparation ;; involvement of children and Seniors; and Helen Wanken's suggestion of Spiritual offerings. This will be further discussed at the November Parish Council meeting, Fr. Paddy asked that Council Members submit ideas on this Survey to him via email ASAP.

Opening Prayer – presented by Fr. Paddy who shared a prayer of Pope Francis to The Holy Family, given to Father by Keith Kozak. Lulu Alvarez was introduced as the new Student member of the Parish Council. She is a Sophomore and involved with Campus Ministry. She took the Covenant Commitment and three members – Rick Bellino, Martha LeMar and Julia Fleming renewed their Commitment. Candles were lit by those members to dedicate this coming year to their intention.

Minutes of the September Parish Council meeting were approved.

Father Gilger's Old Business

Vivian Amu will be in charge of Baptismal Preparation and is the Sacristan. Although she is officially a part time employee, she will receive Health Insurance – because it is the right thing to do.

Sound Board – purchased for Molly Mattingly and the musicians; it is controlled by an iPad.

Update on the Elevator: Pre-cast walls to go up this week. January 2015 is still the completion date. .

Ignite the Faith: There is a follow up mailing to come and Fr. Kerstin and Fr. Paddy will review the large donation requests and contact those recipients – by letter probably.: Nov. 22. 23 and 24 are the final commitment dates. There will be a paper for all parishioners to sign up or off. These forms are to be collected at Mass.

New Business: Father Gilger, S.J.

Blessing of Parish Council Members – Oct. 17 at 5:00 PM Mass and Oct. 18 at the 10:30 AM Mass

Student's Thanksgiving Dinner – Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 5:00 PM Dick Super will coordinate. Parish Members are asked to assist with food and service.

Parish Vision: Survey of Parishoners to be discussed at the Nov. Parish Council Meeting. To be addressed is : Where are we? Where are we going? And What is the next step to get there?

Pastor Search – Father Paddy to send a list of possible candidates to Father. Tom Lawlor, SJ., Provincial.

Budget items: Contract with Rita Sherman to continue through Spring and maybe all of 2015.

As mentioned above – Pay for Vivian Amu's Health Insurance

Barb Markey's office to become the Data Closet.

Creighton University Students for Life: Requested raising funds for the group, but No was said to a 2nd collection at Mass. It's suggested they collect baby needs (Diapers, etc.) after the Pine Ridge collection is over.

The meeting closed with a Prayer.