

St. John's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of the November 11, 2014 Meeting

Present: Sean Malloy, Julia Fleming, Michele King, Laraine Conway, Fr. Paddy Gilger, Jane O'Brien, Helen Wanken, Bill Mullen, Tom Purcell and Sharon Hansen.

Guests: Vanessa John, John Godoy.

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order.

Sharon Hansen opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Vanessa John and John Godoy provided a status update on the student/parishioner relationship project. Discussion took place on when and what type of presentation should be held as a kickoff. Fr. Gilger suggested a meeting with the students and parishioners who want to get together socially for dinners, tutoring, community service projects, and so forth. Fr. Paddy and Vanessa will coordinate a date for this meeting to occur.

Old Business:

Fr. Paddy provided an update on the elevator project. The elevator is a little ahead of schedule. In addition, the stonework on the church is almost finished! The Ignite the Faith campaign has just ended; Father Kersten spoke at the Masses over the weekend regarding the final push. The new staff positions are in transition and going well. Julie is in charge of the calendaring and the "point" person of contact at the Parish office. There will be a meeting in December to discuss brainstorming of a youth ministry effort with Scott and Madeline Quinn who will be leading this effort with Fr. Paddy. A potential pastor, Father Snow, will be visiting the parish December 11 – 15. Fr. Paddy is encouraging council members to meet with him. The target date to name a permanent pastor is next summer. The binders that detail how to manage the parish picnic and the student thanksgiving dinner will be stored in the parish office with Kathleen Denne. Fr. Paddy asked for volunteers to write thank you notes to the Jesuit Community and Lutheran Ministry Office for helping to pay for the student Thanksgiving dinner. Jane O'Brien and Helen Wanken volunteered to handle this task. Some discussion took place on the Kohima partnership and helping to define the roles played in this partnership with the parish.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the parish vision and hospitality committee. The frequency of a parish survey, clarification of the categories listed on the survey, the roles of the parish staff and hospitality committee, and the need for Fr. Paddy to meet with the staff and the Hospitality committee to clarify the vision were discussed.

Fr. Paddy closed the meeting with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 9, 2014