St John’s Church at Creighton University
Parish Council Meeting of December 14, 2010
Minutes

Present: Rita Sherman, Connie Shonka, Fr. Pat Malone, Bob Austria, Anne Lawlor, Linda Daly, David Sholl and Jackie Arnason
Absent: Richard Super
Excused: Linda Hayek, Jerry Stender, and Sean Joyce Whipp

- Minutes from November 9, 2010 Approved
  o Approved by all

- Pastor’s Report
  o Parish Christmas Party – Not as many people there than in the past
  o Fr. Bert is taking over for CLC for Fr. John

- Old Business
  o Thanksgiving Dinner Report
    ▪ Big success – students were sitting on the floor, and all rooms were full - approximately 350 students
    ▪ Campus Ministry grateful
  o Hospitality/Funeral Luncheon
    ▪ A good response from the message in bulletin
    ▪ A good group has volunteered to help (Between 12 and 15 people)
  o Pastoral Council day of Reflection, February 5th – Sub-Committee will meet
    ▪ Sub-Committee will meet briefly after the parish council meeting and will report during the January meeting
  o Upcoming changes in the Roman Missal
    ▪ The archdiocese is planning meetings starting January 15th
      ▪ Fr. Pat will be attending these and David Sholl will be as well
      ▪ Fr. Pat will get him on the email list
    ▪ Fr. Roc is working on a speaker for the Jesuits who preside at St. John’s will attend

- New Business
  o Participation in the Parish Evaluation Project for help in planning the future – Fr. Bert
    ▪ This is expensive and very time consuming for the Parish
    ▪ We want to ease the process of a new pastor
      ▪ Do we want this?
    ▪ Their program is designed for parishes that are not doing well.
      ▪ And larger parishes
    ▪ If we commit ourselves we start in January
    ▪ We have done a number of things similar to this
• Gallup strengths
  ▪ The council will individually take the look at this and get back to Bert as soon as possible – By the end of the week
  ○ Replacement for Janet Heaney
    ▪ She has resigned from the council
    ▪ We should attempt to replace her soon
      • Anne has a few in mind
    ▪ Take a second look at adding more students
      • Jackie Arnason will look into this
  ○ Future of Thanksgiving Dinner for students
    ▪ Campus Ministry wants to meet with the parish about the future – meeting on the 20th of December
  ○ Fundraising request for this weekend
    ▪ Steve Laird
    ▪ Monetary fundraising to build aqueducts in the Dominican Republic
    ▪ Want a second collection
    ▪ It is not the best timing is not the best
    ▪ Response is too short of notice
  ○ First day of school is the 1st anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti
    ▪ Students want to have a mass
    ▪ Move 5pm mass to upstairs
  ○ Father Bert wants to leave a legacy as an elevator

• Next Meeting January 11, 2011 6:30 pm