Present: Fr. Pat Malone, Rick Bellino, Linda Daly, Anne Lawlor, Sean Malloy, Mary Lee Brock, Elizabeth Samson, Mike Rios, Kaye Bellino

Guest: N/A

Absent/Excused: Bob Austria, Bill Mullen

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Linda Daly led the group with the prayer of availability. The February 2012 meeting was cancelled.

Approval of minutes. The December minutes were approved with a minor revision of the time for the Soup Supper.

Pastor’s Report. Fr. Pat Malone welcomed Mike Rios to the council for the spring semester. The pastor’s letter is in the mail from the pastor to the parish members. The topics from the letter will be addressed in the council meeting. The one item not covered in the letter is the All Things Ignatian poster. Fr. Malone outlined the ideas for the poster and the group provided feedback. The presentation is 3:30-6:00 on 2 February 2012 in the Harper Center Ballroom as part of Founder’s Week activities. The council will staff two shifts to be at the event.

Old Business:
St. John’s Elevator. The council reviewed models of the elevator option previously selected for review. Money has already started to come in for the building fund. The council suggested that the models be posted in the church for review following approval from the architect.

125th Anniversary Celebration. A group of people met on January 9 in lower St John’s to continue the discussion of the activities for the celebration. The interviews will begin appearing in the parish newsletter in the coming weeks. Bill Mullen is working on the logo for the anniversary. Council recommended T-Shirts with the logo to offer for sale. Several other options were discussed and Fr. Malone suggested promotional items be part of one of the committees. The next meeting is February 6 at 7:00 in lower St. John’s. A second April all-Parish meeting will be needed to ensure these committees are progressing well. Dick Super also recommended a watercolor artist (Maureen Beat) for an illustration of the church that could be used for prints, cards, and other items. Sean will distribute minutes from the last meeting and the committee sign-up sheets for review by the council.

Olan Mills Photo Directory. Linda spoke with the company representatives. The original proposed dates did not work for the group due to potential conflicts with other activities. March 26-31 were offered as alternative dates or sometime in September as a final option. The September dates could potentially have impacts from construction but the council overwhelming supports this time period. The council will seek a chairperson for this activity in the 6 February meeting.

Student Soup Supper. The supper will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from approximately 5:15 to 7:00. Jane O’Brien and Anne Lawlor will co-chair the event. An announcement was in the newsletter requesting support from the parish. Elizabeth will distribute an email to notify students of the event.

Pastoral Council Day of Reflection. The council extends its thanks to Fr. Malone and Fr. Carlson for their work in organizing and leading the council on its day of reflection.
New Business:

Introduction of Fr. Neal Wilkinson, St Therese. The council welcomed Fr. Wilkinson from St Therese. He gave an overview of the challenges of many of the parishes east of 72nd Street and the archdiocese studies being conducted. One option being considered is to offer a Spanish language mass at St. John's. There are a number of issues that will have to be discussed so the impact can be understood prior to deciding whether to move forward. Additional information about the study is on the Archdiocese web site.

Meeting dates – Third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
February 21 March 20
April 17 May 15

There being no further business to come before the Pastoral Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Malloy