St. John’s Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2012

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

Guest: N/A

Absent/Excused: Bob Austria, Linda Daly, Kaye Bellino

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Anne Lawlor led the group with the prayer from St Patrick’s breast plate.

Approval of minutes. The January minutes were approved without revision.

Pastor’s Report. Fr. Pat Malone presented the elevator proposal renderings in a slide show. The council discussed the proposal for choral risers. Ongoing costs of restricted gifts should be a consideration when specified gifts are offered. Fr. Malone will meet with the requester to discuss the next steps for this proposal.

Old Business:
St. John’s Elevator. The development director is concerned about the fundraising plan at this point. Council discussed the priorities for maintenance that come from the annual budget and the plan for the elevator fundraising. The council agreed to continue to make the progress and plan visible and to encourage participation. Fr Pat Malone will develop a trifold brochure for placement in the church with some of the renderings. He also brought forward his proposal for changing Mass times beginning in the fall. One recurring issue is the support of the 4:30 mass schedule and the irregular schedule. The parish would need to fill in when students are not in class.

125th Anniversary Celebration. A group of people met on 5 March in Lower St. John’s. Minutes from this meeting were distributed separately. The church watercolor will be ready soon and will need to be promoted. The prints or cards will be available through the parish web site. Samples of the anniversary logo were shown and drafts of the T-shirt design. Items would need to be ready for the 3 June event. The next meeting is 3 April at 6:30 PM in Lower St John’s.

Olan Mills (Light Touch) Photo Directory. Leads have been identified to coordinate this effort and the photo session is scheduled for the week of 10-17 September.

Student Soup Supper. The supper was held Sunday, February 12, 2012 from approximately 5:15 to 7:00. Jane O’Brien and Anne Lawlor were the co-chairs of the event.

Altar Servers. The council continued the discussion of increasing involvement of youth in the mass and other activities. The next step will be to meet with the community to discuss the status of this effort, parishioner and staff concerns, and the way forward. An integral approach is required to ensure the appropriate people are recruited and trained. There is a temporary hold on altar servers until the program is formally rolled out.

New Business:
Creighton trip to India. Fr. Pat Malone discussed the potential for this initiative. Further discussions or a future review in council are needed.
Meeting dates – Third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
April 17   May 15

There being no further business to come before the Pastoral Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Malloy