St. John’s Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2012

Present: Fr. Pat Malone, Anne Lawlor, Sean Malloy, Mary Lee Brock, Elizabeth Samson, Mike Rios, Bill Mullen, Bob Austria, Linda Daly

Guest: N/A

Absent/Excused: Rick Bellino

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Linda Daly led the group with the prayer from Jack Morris.

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

Pastor’s Report. Fr. Pat Malone discussed the pastoral report and letter to parishioners. The prints are now available for sale along with other merchandise. The development office is assisting with many of the promotions. The church is continuing to work on anchor grants for the elevator/building project and Fr. Malone continues to search for a chair for the building fund. Mike Rios suggested adding more renderings of the elevator project to the website. Automatic bank withdrawals are also now available for contributions to St. John’s Church. Lastly, the church chimes will be fixed soon and will be ringing!

Bill Mullen showed the design of the shirt to be on sale as part of the anniversary festivities. The Creighton Bookstore is being contacted to offer the shirts for sale. The dark blue shirt with yellow lettering was selected. The council discussed the sustaining agreement with the Wisconsin Province framing the mission of St. John’s Church with regards to the Omaha community and the Jesuit mission. The group discussed ideas for moving forward under the agreement.

2012/2013 Budget. Fr. Pat Malone reviewed the budget for the 2012/2013 year (starts July 1st). Several adjustments have been made to meet specified needs and a few new income sources have been implemented. Overall, the parish is meeting its expenses. It was moved and seconded to approve the budget and the vote confirmed the approval.

Old Business:

125th Anniversary Celebration. A group of people met on 3 April in Lower St. John’s to continue to planning and execution for the celebration activities. The main focus at this point is the 3 June reunion event. The 1 May scheduled meeting will also focus on the 3 June reunion and the focus will shift to the picnic at the 5 June and 10 July meetings. Volunteers will be needed to help with the picnic planning and execution starting in June.

St. John’s Elevator. The elevator project continues to move forward. The letter to the parish, discussed above, details the progress.

Mass Time Changes. The proposal for revising the mass time schedule was moved and second. The motion was approved by vote. The next step is to communicate the upcoming change and broadcast the timing of when the new schedule will start. The liturgy team will be invited to the May council meeting to express their views on the schedule.

New Business:

Easter Week Liturgies. The parish council extends thanks to the staff for their hard work during the Holy Week liturgies. Anne Lawlor suggested the use of designated ushers in the future to assist with filling in
the empty spaces during the services where we anticipate overflow attendance. The group also discussed the feedback received from the holy water sprinkling.

Council Member Recruitment. We will have one student vacancy starting in the fall and a few candidates will be contacted as the possible replacement. The group discussed the Constitution of the Council and the need to grow the council membership toward the stated level of 13 members. The council will work to identify candidates to discuss at the next meeting so they may start their terms in the fall.

Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Fundraiser. Mary Lee Brock advertised this important yearly fundraiser and encouraged support for the event.

Meeting dates – Third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
    May 15

There being no further business to come before the Pastoral Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a sending prayer over Michael Rios.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Malloy