St. John’s Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2012

Present: Anne Lawlor, Sean Malloy, Mary Lee Brock, Bill Mullen, Bob Austria, Linda Daly, Rick Bellino

Guest: Kathleen Denne, David, Fr. Anand, Fr. Sonny

Absent/Excused: Fr. Pat Malone

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Linda Daly led the group with the prayer for our community needs.

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

Pastor’s Report. Fr. Pat Malone is recovering. Kathleen Denne provided an update of his progress and an update of parish activities. Product sales went very well this past weekend for the 125th anniversary items. The watercolor print will be on the cover of the Creighton magazine in the upcoming edition. Cards and shirts can be reordered as needed. June 3 would be a great weekend for sales in addition to the Pentecost weekend on 26-27 May. Additional shirts and cards are being ordered to meet the demand. Fr. Amidon is back at the beginning of June and will return to the mass schedule in mid-June. Automatic withdrawals are beginning.

Old Business:
125th Anniversary Celebration. A group of people met on 1 May in Lower St. John’s to continue the planning and execution for the celebration activities. The main focus was the 3 June reunion event. June 5th at 6:30 PM will be the next meeting in Lower St. Johns.

July 26th Lecture will be a discussion of the characteristics and mission of a Jesuit parish. The council discussed that this event should not include a meal being so close to the picnic event.

Council Member Recruitment. Timing seems right to pull in new council members due to the energy and momentum of the parish with the anniversary celebrations and growth of the community. The council needs to advertise in the newsletter that new members are needed and to provide a form for the parish to submit their nominees. Mary Lee suggested that each council members answer reflection questions to include in the newsletter to create interest. Sean suggested that council members could do an announcement at each of the masses. David suggested that council members could be available. The council will need nominees submitted in June.

Mass Time Changes. David represented the liturgy team to express their views and student feedback on the revised schedule. There has been no strong feedback against the new schedule. Campus Ministry is developing brochures for student kick-off weekends to promote the new schedule and work to bring all affected groups on board with the new mass times. There is still a need for volunteers for liturgy positions at the 4:30 PM mass.

Liturgical Assistant Meeting. The liturgical assistants met and discussed experiences they are having with the ministry. The group also discussed ideas for improving the interaction of these ministers with the liturgy team and other possible changes.
New Business:

Creighton India Trip. Anand and Sonny provided background on the current relationship with the Kohima Province and the Wisconsin Province. Every year or other year, a group has been traveling to the Kohima Province in an immersion program and for Jesuit formation. Anand shared a slide show and described the possibility of a parish-level involvement with the Kohima Province to interact and share faith experience. Looking to have a group comprised of members from the Werner Institute, Medical School, and St. Johns Parish for a 10-day January 2013 scouting trip. Planning will begin in earnest in the fall with commitments by October. Funding for the trip is mostly borne by the individual but the group could pursue additional funding sources as well. Parish Partners, Faith Formation, and information nights were all suggested as methods to get the word out for involvement. Kathleen and David will work with Anand

2012/2013 Officer Election. This item will be tabled until the initial fall meeting.

Thank you to departing council member Bob Austria who ends his six years of service!

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

2012/2013 schedule to be published

There being no further business to come before the Pastoral Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with prayers of thankfulness and safety for the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Malloy