St. John’s Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2011

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

Guest: N/A

Absent/Excused: Elizabeth Samson, Andrew Smith, Kaye Bellino

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. Linda Daly led the group in an opening prayer.

Approval of minutes. The November minutes were approved.

Pastor’s Report. Fr. Pat Malone shared a copy of his Pastor’s Report and several supporting documents. The first document reviewed was the second collections at St John’s for 2012. Building Fund envelopes are included in the envelopes being distributed now for the 2012 year. The group agreed that there needs to be a communication from the pastor over the next few weeks informing the community of their purpose. Another topic discussed from the report is the different options for online giving to St John’s. The next item in the report was developing a poster for “All Things Ignatian” and the pastoral council will discuss the content of the poster at their one-day retreat in January. Lastly, the group considered the possibility of making the religious education position a part-time staff member.

Old Business:
St. John’s Elevator. The council reviewed the three design options produced by the architectural firm. Option C was identified as the safest option and is enclosed against the weather. The next meeting with the university group for the elevator development is mid-January. Cost for the different options was not available.

125th Anniversary Celebration. A group of people met on December 5 in lower St John’s to continue the discussion of the activities for the celebration. The group decided to emphasize the parish picnic and make that the main event for the year. The group is looking to do a “Call for assistance” in January or February to ask for volunteers to lead and staff the needed committees. The next meeting will be 9 January at 7:00 PM in Lower St John’s. Recommend a monthly “Save the date” notice for the 28 July picnic. The group that met would like an icon or emblem for the year-long celebration to use in communications and other materials. Bill Mullen took the action to follow up on the emblem.

Olan Mills Photo Directory. Linda will meet with the Olan Mills representative on 22 December at St John’s to show the location and resolve outstanding questions. The group felt that an August or September timeframe would work well.

Archbishop Annual Appeal. The campaign ran through the end of November and the parish is at approximately 46% of its goal, established by the Archdiocese, as of the November council meeting. Overall the campaign is at approximately 91% of its goal.

Pastoral Council Day of Reflection. The group discussed the plan for the day of reflection on 7 January gathering at 8:30 AM and starting the program at 9:00 AM. The group will meet Fr Pat at the main entrance to the Administration Building.

Student Soup Supper. The supper will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Jane O’Brien and Anne Lawlor will co-chair the event. The supper will follow the mass at approximately 5:30.
Thanksgiving Dinner. Richard Super relayed his thanks for the contributions of the parish and all involved in making the dinner a very successful event.

New Business:
Student Service Trips. The council received a note of thanks from the student service trips for allowing their fundraising efforts.

Online Giving. The discussion continued on this topic from the Pastor’s report. The cost-free option is to use the university’s system or to have ACH to St John’s directly. Fr Pat will work with the parish staff to get information out to those wanting to use electronic means.

Youth Participation in the Liturgy. This topic was raised again from a previous meeting. Fr Pat will need to meet with parish staff to work out the details. Training and a schedule are needed to ensure the success of this program should the parish move forward with it formally. The council suggests putting a hold on using altar servers until the program is formalized in conjunction with the liturgical assistance (LA) role.

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

There being no further business to come before the Pastoral Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a Christmas closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Malloy