St. John’s Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2012

Present: Fr. Pat Malone, Rick Bellino, Sean Malloy, Mary Lee Brock, Laraine Conway, Michele King

Guest: David Scholl

Absent/Excused: Bill Mullen, Linda Daly, Julia Fleming, Sharon Hansen, Anne Lawlor, Elizabeth Samson, Andrew Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Sean led the group in an opening prayer for the Christmas season.

Approval of minutes. The November minutes were delayed and not available for review.

Pastor’s Report. Fr. Pat Malone shared a copy of his Pastor’s Report. The council had positive feedback on the acoustic panels which are being put up incrementally by Midwest Sound. The parish will also continue to make the assisted listening devices more visible and available for those that need them.

Old Business:
Women Religious Event. This event was well received and the parish has received a lot of positive feedback and Thank You notes. The date corresponded with the second collection for religious life very nicely. The date will continue to be considered because it did conflict with several groups that were doing fundraising. The completion of the elevator would definitely have improved the accessibility for the event. Several suggestions to improve the food service were to have lines on both sides of the serving table and to distribute some items out to the individual tables. Overall, the St John’s Community contributed to the success of the event but the instructions for visiting have to be clearer so that more people are encouraged to come down and say “hi”.

Council Day of Reflection. Fr. Pat handed out a packet of information for the 26 January Day of Reflection. Council members are to review the information prior to the session. Laraine has been working with the facilitator, Kevin Snyder, on the format and content of the workshop.

Finance Council. There was a short discussion of Parish Finance Council activities to inform the Pastoral Council of the Parish financial situation. The parish is in good shape with focus for 2013 being driven to funding the elevator project, possibly through a number of community fund raising events. Other sources of funding are also being explored.

Guest Staff Member. David Scholl was the guest staff member this month and has been at the parish for two years splitting his time between St John’s and Campus Ministry, a part of University Ministry. He identified some of the difficulties of the position with managing the number of priests to the various services as well as working out time off schedules with adequate backup. The council could consider developing a backup plan or rotating volunteers to assist the liturgical team. Sunday afternoon and evening masses would be an opportunistic place to start.

Parish Pictorial Directory. The draft pictorial directory was available at the meeting for review. The directory will be sent to the publisher the first week of January.
New Business:
2013 Planning. The council discussed its focus for 2013 and ideas for events through the year. Funding the elevator is tops on the list and raised possible fundraisers like a “Pub Night” with live music. There is also interest in service projects or a Service Day for the parish.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Malloy