

St. John's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Meeting

Present: Michele King, Fr. Greg Carlson, Laraine Conway, Martha Lemar, Jane O'Brien, Helen Wanken, Tom Purcell, Sharon Hansen, Rick Bellino, Sean Malloy.

Guest: Keith Kozak

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order.

Tom Purcell opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Old Business:

1. Fr. Carlson reviewed the old information on the purpose of the parish council using the constitution of the parish council. His hope for the next 4.5 months while serving as interim pastor is to "comfort my people." The wish list for this spring is:
 - a. Consistent pastoral attitude
 - b. Management of diverse parish
 - c. Facilitate groups in parish

Fr. Paddy's suggestions are:

 - a. Helping facility clarity about how things are done
 - b. Communication to prevent "siloing" to avoid stepping on toes and keeping people in touch with each other so they stay encouraged.
2. Fr. Carlson and Kathleen D. have been rewriting "who does what."
3. Jane Helen, and Laraine will work with Kathleen to work on updating the parish constitution.
4. Fr. Carlson reported on a late request from the University to accommodate Founder's Week. A mass will be held at the 5:00 Mass on February 7. Tom Purcell and Keith Kozak are working on the liturgy for this Mass which will include Alpha Sigma Nu candidates.
5. The long awaited elevator celebration will be held on the weekend of January 31, 2015! Discussion was held on a plaque to honor Fr. Malone with a prayer of his work.
6. Scott and Maddie Quinn are administering the youth ministry program, which includes 8th graders through high school students. The Quinn's are working with Jonathon for a program to be up and running this September.
7. Fr. Carlson provided an update on the visit of potential pastor Fr. Snow. His visit to St. John's was deemed a success.
8. Discussion was held on the Kohima partnership. The partnership is a good thing and several parishioners have been and continue to work on this. Suggestions were made to talk to other groups doing similar "twinning" arrangements to help advance the Kohima partnership.
9. Fr. Paddy met with the Hospitality Committee. They would like to do a parish survey. Discussion was also held on having a bereavement outreach committee.

10. The student Thanksgiving dinner was VERY successful. Thanks to all who helped with this!
11. Although Vanessa John was not at the meeting, discussion was held on Native American student relations and having parish council members participate in a potluck supper. This has been discussed previously and a date needs to be established. Michele will contact Tammy Buffalohead McGill to find out more information and who is heading this project up.
12. The parish council annual retreat will be held this Saturday, January 17. Fr. Jim Clifford will be conducting the retreat. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Remember to bring some goodies to eat! Fr. Carlson will arrange for coffee and juices.
13. The nun's brunch is scheduled for May 3. Rick, Jane, and Laraine will work on this. The parish council and the Hospitality Committee will also be helping out with this fun project.
14. Keith Kozad reported that First Communion is April 19.

A closing prayer was read together by the group.

Next meeting is FEBRUARY 10, 2015.