

Minutes

St. John's Pastoral Council Meeting

December 9, 2008

Members Present: Bob Austria, Miriam Thorn, Linda Hayek, Sean Joyce Whipp, Ben Lowndes, Lillian Rossiter, Matt Oberst, Connie Shonka, Jerry Stender, Richard Super, Jennifer Tilleman

Pastor's Representative: Kathleen Denne

Parish Staff: Rita Sherman

I Opening Prayer

Miriam Thorne opened with a prayer

II Approval Of Minutes

The minutes were approved

III Pastor's Report – Given By Kathleen Denne

- Fr. Mahowald is recuperating from some additional surgery.
- The railing, as part of the ambulatory screen, has been installed.
- S shaped hooks have been added to side candelabras to lower them and increase ease of use.
- The Steering Committee has confirmed the agenda for completion of the renovation. An electric door to enhance handicapped access on the east side of the church is being addressed. Estimates of cost and confirmation of monies in process.

The steps on the west side of the church are also under discussion.

The manufacturer of the pews is being contacted again to reduce the length of the first row of pews, in front of the columns, thereby allowing for easier wheelchair access.

IV. Report of St John's Parish Partner's Trip To Pine Ridge

- Jerry Stender reported that the November 14 and 15th trip was very successful. The group went to the Our Lady Of The Sioux Parish with gifts of a Thanksgiving meal for 100 families and food to restock the OLS Pantry. In addition, they cooked and served a breakfast to those attending mass that Sunday. A beautiful handmade satin quilt was given to St. John's Parish from Our Lady Of The Sioux. Options for displaying this gift and others previously received from Pine Ridge were discussed.

The group also brought clothing to the distribution site at Sacred Heart Parish. The need for warm clothing seemed to be even more acute this year. Members of the Sacred Heart parish served a soup supper to the St. John's representatives.

These parishes at Pine Ridge truly appreciate the commitment made by the parishioners of St. John's to this mission and regard St. John's as their sister parish.

V. Hospitality Committee

- The after mass coffees to discuss hospitality offerings at St. John's are in progress. A full report will be made at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- Continuing the email approval of minutes prior to publication on the Parish web site was discussed. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to discontinue email approval and wait until the next meeting for council member approval. The minutes will then be posted on the web site.

VII The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Rossiter