

Minutes
St. John's Pastoral Council Meeting
January 13, 2009

Members Present: Bob Austria, Matt Oberst, Connie Shonka, Jerry Stender,
Richard Super, Jennifer Tilleman, Lillian Rossiter
Miriam Thorne excused

Pastor: Rev Bert Thelen, S.J.
Parish Staff: Kathleen Denne

I. Opening Prayer

Fr. Bert opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Approval Of Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting were approved.

III. Pastor's Report – Given by Fr. Bert and Kathleen Denne

- Fr. Bert asked Kathleen to give part of the report since he is just returning from sabbatical.
- The Renovation Sub-Committee has met again regarding completion of planned renovation.

Kathleen distributes illustrations of a design for the Ambry to place the holy oils. The Ambry will be placed on a column at the back of the sacristy. The table for The Gifts will also be replaced in the future.

Estimates for the handicapped doors on the east side of the church should be submitted within the next week. The handicapped doors are considered a priority as is the shortening of two pews in the front to increase seating and accessibility for the handicapped.

The Renovation Sub-Committee is establishing priorities for all planned renovation.

_ Fr Paul Mahowald S.J continues to recover.

_ Kathleen reported that a theft took place in the church office. An employee's debit card was stolen however it was cancelled before more than a small amount of charges were made. A roll of stamps and a native American art piece were also taken from Kathleen's desk.

IV Report On parish Hospitality Meetings – given by Lil Rossiter and Jerry Stender.

- A Summary of the Hospitality Gatherings was distributed.
The report included: What we are doing well, thoughts and concerns as well as with specific suggestions for some thoughts and concerns..

- Questions and comments relating to the need for an elevator were part of every meeting. Kathleen Denne reminded the council that considerations for an elevator were part of the renovation considerations and included in the "Willing to Lead: brochure as part of the Phase III plans. Copies of the brochure will be redistributed to council members. The cost for an elevator requires that it be placed in the long range planning for the church.

_ A request to know the name of the presiding priest was included in the suggestions at the hospitality meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to ask the Parish Staff to include an announcement of the presiding priest's name at the beginning of each mass. Kathleen Denne will report back at the next meeting.

- Additional concerns which have specific suggestions were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to hold a Parish Council Retreat to address the thoughts and concerns from the Hospitality Gatherings and to identify how to respond to the specific suggestions. The retreat will be held Saturday, February 28th from 8:30 until 1:00.

V. Additional Discussion

- Concerns about the raised side alters, especially on the west side of the sacristy, and the potential for tripping and falling were raised. Fr. Bert and Kathleen will look in to the concern and report back at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

- There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned

The next meeting will be:

February 10, 2009

Respectfully Submitted

Lil Rossiter

