

**St John's Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**April 14, 2009**

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

Pastor: Fr. Bert Thelen

Staff: Rita Sherman

**I. Opening Prayer:** Ben Lowndes opened the meeting with a prayer

**II. Approval Of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**III. Pastor's Report:** Fr. Bert reported that Sr. Barbara Markey has been hired in a consultant role as an assistant to the pastor and as part of a work release program. Outreach to students is a continuing priority. We should consider adding 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students as members to the Pastoral Council. Students will be invited to express interest in participating on the council for the academic year of 2009-2010.

**IV. Easter Vigil Mass Reception:** Lil Rossiter reported on the reception held in LSJ following the Easter Vigil Mass. The reception was set up and facilitated by members of St. John's parish. Marie Hilton purchased the food however other parish members decorated, facilitated setting up and serving the food, acted as hosts and cleaned up following the event. Approximately 150 people attended and the experience will be used as a model for members of the parish to facilitate such offerings in the future. More persons to set up such events will be needed in the future.

**V. Report On Sunday Evening Mass Time Schedules at St. John's.** Jerry Stender reported on the interviews he conducted with the Liturgy Team regarding the Sunday evening 4:30 and 9:00 p.m. masses. A compilation of those interviews and the rationale for the ideas proposed was submitted to the council for discussion. The council engaged in extensive dialogue and generated many ideas related to this report. It was concluded that Fr. Bert will follow up and meet with the Liturgy Team to present the ideas from the council and to make a decision regarding the times and liturgy for these masses.

**VI. Student Gatherings in LSJ** It is hoped that a gathering for students can be offered by members of the council for interested Creighton students on April 26<sup>th</sup> and prior to the end of the semester. Ben Lowndes will assume an advisory role in working on such an event.

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A monthly meal for interested students following the 4:30 pm mass was also discussed. Ben Lowndes, Sean Joyce Whipp, Connie Shonka, Fr. Bert and additional students will work on the feasibility and development of this offering in the 2009-2010 Creighton year.

**VII. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is:  
Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lillian Rossiter