

St. John's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes of the May 20, 2014 Meeting

Present: Fr. Paddy Gilger, Rick Bellion, Julia Fleming, Martha Lemar, Sean Malloy, Bill Mullen, Laraine Conway, Michele King, Dick Super, Jane O'Brien, Linda Daly, Sharon Hansen.

Guests: Kathleen Denne, Rita Sherman, Suzanne Braddock, Vanessa John.

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order.

Sharon Hansen gave the opening prayer.

Paddy Gilger reported that Fr. Malone is continuing to recover.

Jenene Francis is helping with the combining of the two provinces and she is the "partner" to our parish.

The elevator project will be starting soon. The following individuals are on the elevator committee: Dick Super, Rick Bellino, Bill Mullen and Kathleen Denne.

The Omaha Archdiocesan campaign will be starting soon. St. John's will need a person to be in charge and other volunteers to work on this campaign. We need a list of possible candidates for this work (8-10).

Rita Sherman was our guest for this month's meetings. She gave a presentation of her job and how it has changed over the years since she started in 1999. She will be retiring at the end of the year but has agreed to continue leading the Sunday morning Faith Formation group.

Suzanne Braddock and Vanessa John gave updates on the Parishioner Relationship with Students. Vanessa has spent a lot of time coordinating the various activities. She would like to establish a student council of about three students. Discussion was held over the "Soup Mondays" program. This will probably be on the second Monday of the month. She is also working to have students who are unable to go home to be with parish families on Christmas and Easter breaks. She is working on job descriptions for the student council. She is also working to develop service projects.

Approval has been given to hire a liturgist who will be shared 50/50 with University Ministry.

A RCIA coordinator will be needed by September 1.

Ground will be broken in June for the elevator project. Permits are in the process of being obtained. Some design work needed to be done to work around the tunnels.

Work is moving along for the parish picnic.

The book signing sessions for Fr. Gilger's book were successful. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for working on this. Great work!

Anne Lawlor will be stepping down from the Hospitality Committee. There will be some information in the bulletin about the Hospitality Committee.

Discussion on a reception for David Scholl will be discussed at the June meeting.

Recognition of Parishioners who volunteer at St. John's is indefinitely postponed.

Nominations are needed for new parish council members to replace those whose terms are up.

Closing prayer was read by all.
Next Meeting August 19, 2014.