

St. John's Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes of the August 12, 2014 Meeting

Present: Fr. Paddy Gilger, Rick Bellino, Julia Fleming, Martha Lemar, Sean Malloy, Laraine Conway, Michele King, Tom Purcell, Jane O'Brien, Helen Waken, Sharon Hansen.

Guests: Kathleen Denne.

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer.

A new parish council member, Helen Waken, was introduced to the group.

Tom Purcell will be replacing Dick Super on the council this year because he is serving as trustee.

The June meeting minutes were approved.

Fr. Gilger discussed the parish vision regarding finances, hiring staff, and faith formation activities for parishioners. The staff positions that are being considered are a receptionist, RCIA director, and Director of Religious Education. A comprehensive discussion followed with a plan to staff the RCIA position and the receptionist position. The Director of Religious Education Position will be discussed during the course of this year to see what the desires and needs to the parish are. There may be several ways to structure this position.

Fr. Gilger also plans to raise the fee for weddings in 2017. There will be additional research on this to determine an appropriate amount.

Martha Lemar and Jeff Peak will provide an opportunity for parish members to hear about their experiences in El Salvador coinciding with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs. Dates for their presentation will be explored and announced.

A celebration for the liturgical ministers will take place on December 6 in lower St. John's.

Fr. Gilger will provide a weekend when St. John's Parish Council members can be blessed at Mass.

The parish council will perform a dedication of service for the 2014-2015 year at the next meeting.

The parish picnic was a resounding success. A huge thank you to Laraine Conway and Jane O'Brien for Martha LeMar, the "grill-tenders" who provided excellent vittles, Sean Malloy, who was a flash around the picnic grounds making sure tables, supplies, and anything else that needed to be moved was done, and the rest of the council members who ensured the success of this event. Some feedback items were noted to improve next year's picnic.

Work on the elevator continues to progress. Due to unforeseen construction issues, the date of completion will be delayed.

Dates for the Parish council meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is September 9.

Officers will remain the same as last year: Laraine Conway – President; Michele King – Vice President; Secretary-Sharon Hansen and Jane O'Brien (shared).

A closing prayer was held and the meeting was adjourned.