

St. John's Pastoral Council
Minutes for October 15, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Michele King.
2. Present: Michele King, Sharon Hansen, Bill Mullen, Richard Super, Andrew Smith, Julia Fleming, Jane O'Brien, Linda Daly, Fr. Pat Malone, Martha Lemar.
3. Michele presented the opening prayer.
4. President Laraine Conway appeared.
5. David Scholl, Liturgy Coordinator was present and discussed his responsibilities, the good reviews on Molly, the numbers in ministries, and his activities with campus ministry and the new campus ministry director, Kyle Leirk.
6. Fr. Pat and the council shared the Covenant prayer for this year's parish council meetings.
7. The September meeting minutes were approved.
8. Fr. Pat presented the Pastor's Report. Since the parish council participates in a reflection on a Saturday in January, possible dates were discussed. January 18, 2014 is the target date and the reflection will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If there is anyone who can volunteer to help, please contact Fr. Pat.

Fr. announced the name of the new director of religious education, Jonathan Chiacchere. Some goals for the program are to add a service component, more activities for the youth, creating a model for the program, and making the program more self-sustaining.

A search is still on for a utility person to work about 10-15 hours per week. Must be able to lift 50 pound tables and be available to set up for funerals, etc.

Progress is up-lifting on the elevator. Actual construction will take 4 months once it is begun in the spring of 2014.

Work needs to begin on implementing the WeShare program. Parishioners have more control over how and when their donations are set up by using WeShare.

There will be a Finance Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 22 to discuss long term strategies. In addition to the trustees attending, anyone from the Parish Council may also attend.

The second annual brunch for Women Religious is set for Sunday, December 8. This year the plan is to include the parish council, finance council and staff. Jane O'Brien

offered to help with this activity. Catherine Conboy has helped with the food and Laraine Conway will assist as well.

The Student Thanksgiving dinner will be held the Wednesday (November 27) before Thanksgiving. The coordination of this event shuttles between St. John's and Campus Ministry. This year, it is St. John's turn and Sean Malloy is coordinating on behalf of St. John's.

New Business:

Martha LeMar was recognized for the article in the Omaha World-Herald about her work in the Legal Clinic.

November's meeting will focus on stewardship.

Discussion was held regarding recognition for the people who help at St. John's including staff and the various ministries.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2013