

St. John's Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2013

Present:

Fr. Pat Malone	Rick Bellino	Sean Malloy	Jane O'Brien
Julia Fleming	Bill Mullen	Dick Super	Laraine Conway
Sharon Hansen	Linda Daly		

Guests:

Molly Mattingly	Suzanne Braddock	Tammy Buffalohead-McGill
Vanessa Johns		

Laraine called the meeting to order.

Linda Daly started the meeting with a thanksgiving prayer.

Molly Mattingly, St. John's new music director, was introduced to the group and discussed her background and initial impressions of St. John's. Comments from the group included that she is doing a great job.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Student-Parishioner Relationship Proposals Update – Suzanne Braddock reviewed her meetings with Ray Shirley and introduced Vanessa Johns and Tammy Buffalohead-McGill, who work with students at Creighton U. Discussion was held on having soup suppers between the 2 evening Sunday masses, restarting the Soup for Substance dinners with discussion topics, having students help with service projects, having parishioners invite the students to their homes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Fr. Pat said it would be a good idea to trial these ideas and see how they are received on a small scale first. Julia Fleming volunteered to be the contact person from the council and she will contact Vanessa with referrals.

Pastor's Report:

Jarod will be working as the maintenance/utility person for several weeks in January.

Mary Lee Brock, who has served as a long time trustee, is leaving the position. Fr. is searching for a replacement and hopes to have a new person on board by January 1, 2014.

Discussion on the progress of the elevator took place.

Julia asked about the collection process for Pine Ridge.

Old Biz:

Sean Malloy, who is chairing the student Thanksgiving meal, gave an update. The food is ordered, volunteers are signed up for cooking the turkeys. There remains a need for more side

dishes; otherwise, the event has been advertised in the student paper and parish bulletin and there are no problems.

The Hospitality/Welcome Committee sponsored a welcome for Fr. Paddy Gilger and the event was successful. The committee is making plans for 2014.

Religious Sister's Celebration- Jane O'Brien provided an update on this event. Discussion also took place on changing the date of this so that the event will be held in March of 2015 rather than December of 2014.

Recognition-Dick Super discussed recognizing the staff and the ministries of St. John. This was done years ago and should be revived. In the interests of time, this item is tabled to the January meeting.

New Biz:

Fr. Pat said that instead of WeShare, the parish will be implementing PayPay for people to use for donations if they want. The process is more straightforward and there will be notices in the bulletin when the project is further along. Tabled to January meeting.

Script Program – Sean Malloy. Tabled to December meeting.

Second Collection for Building Maintenance: Tabled to December meeting.

Parish Council Morning of Reflection: Need someone to organize; Scheduled for January 18, 2014.

The December meeting will include dinner and, therefore, will start at 6:00 p.m. in the main dining room on December 17, 2013.

The meeting closed with a prayer.