

St. John's Parish Council Meeting Minutes for
December 17, 2013

Present: Fr. Pat Malone, Linda Daly, Martha Lemar, Jane O'Brien, Laraine Conway, Sharon Hansen, Rick Bellino, Sean Malloy, Andrew Smith.

President Laraine Conway called the meeting to order.

Sean Malloy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting Minutes of the November meeting with changes as approved by the council.

Pastor's Report: Damian Torres-Botello, nSJ joins the staff on January 2. Anne Lawlor will be working on preparing a welcoming event for him.

Mary Lee Brock is resigning her trustee position. In appreciation of her service, she will be awarded a framed picture of St. John's at a presentation to be scheduled by Fr. Pat. Fr. Pat hopes to find a replacement for Mary Lee soon and if there is anyone a parish council member would like to recommend, please forward the name to Fr. Pat.

The Religious Sisters brunch was a success. Fr. has received several thank you notes. The plan is to have the next one in April of 2015 due to difficult scheduling in December and Lent in March of 2015. Additional discussion took place on comments received and suggestions for improvement.

Fr. Pat will be working on planning a "kick-off" for the elevator construction project that can be presented to the parish.

The Parish Council Morning of Reflection to be held on January 18, 2014 will include a lunch in the Jesuit Dining Room. The Morning of Reflection will be on the 6th floor of the Administration Building. The retreat leader will be Fr. Jim Ryan. Please be sure to let Fr. Pat know if you are coming to the Reflection and whether you will bring family members to the lunch afterwards. Please bring a treat to share at the Morning of Reflection. Also, if you have ideas for the retreat, let Fr. Pat know so that we can pass them on to Fr. Ryan.

Old Business:

1. A status was given of how the holidays with a student program has been going.
2. Sean Malloy gave a summary of the Students' Thanksgiving Meal.
3. Jane O'Brien gave a summary of the Religious Sisters' Brunch.

New Business:

1. Sean Malloy gave a presentation on the Script program. After extensive research was discussed by Sean, the decision was made that St. John's Parish is probably not a good fit for the program, so it will not be pursued at this time.

Other Business:

1. Concerns were voiced about events, particularly road races, that are held on Sunday mornings along 24th Street that cause parking headaches for those trying to attend

Mass. Fr. Pat said that Public Safety is aware of some of these races and will be making efforts to be notified or find out what is being held so that arrangements can be made to have less impact on the parish. Fr. noted that Public Safety does a good job of handling these disruptions.

Intentions were presented and prayed for.

A closing Advent prayer and Hail Mary was said.

Meeting adjourned.