

St. John's Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Meeting

Present: Fr. Greg Carlson, Sean Malloy, Bill Mullen, Laraine Conway, Michele King, Jane O'Brien, Rick Bellino, Martha Lemar, Tom Purcell, Julia Fleming, Sharon Hansen

Guests: Kathleen Dened, Molly Mattingly, Jonathan Chiachere

Laraine Conway called the meeting to order.

Fr. Carlson opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

The brochure that identifies all of the ministries and the contact points has been prepared and is ready to be released! Thanks to Kathleen for working on this!

Fr. Carlson is asking Pastoral Care to work with the Hospitality Committee.

There may be a need to find a leader for the Funeral Luncheon Ministry. This will be on the agenda of the next meeting. We also want to discuss a follow-up committee/resource to contact persons 6 months or so after their loved one passes.

Molly discussed the Lenten brochures that describe all of the activities available during the upcoming Lenten season. The brochure was part of the bulletin last week and extra copies are available in church.

Jonathon presented a status report on the Youth Religious Education. There are 70 students and 20 students are serving as catechists. There will be a potluck in the fall to help build community.

Sean Malloy volunteered to prepare a report of the parish council that would be published in the parish newsletter.

The group presented names of individuals who would be good candidates to be on a revived Liturgy Committee.

The environment committee was discussed with names of individuals who would be able to serve on it and what their responsibilities would be.

The role of the parish council was discussed.

**Staff Update:**

Parish Council members were sent a copy of the February 9 Staff Update report which provides information on items staff members are working on.

**Old Business:**

Parish Student Relationship: Michele King contacted Tammy Buffalohead-McGill, Vanessa John and Suzanne Braddock. There will be a potluck in February in lower St. John's for the group. Another request that was discussed in earlier meetings was an effort for parishioners and Native students to get to know each other. This effort did not develop as hoped for and nothing is currently planned.

Nun's Thank You Brunch. Scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Hospitality Committee will work on this and the parish will pay for it. This item will be an agenda item on the March meeting; also to be discussed is whether this will continue to be an annual event.

**New Business:**

St. John's Pastoral Council Constitution Committee: The group met and is reviewing the constitution. However, any changes will need to be discussed with the new pastor scheduled to arrive in late summer. In the interim, the parish council should read/make suggestions and present a rough draft. Fr. Amidon is a resource to Fr. Carlson to review the changes.

Twinning Parishes:

Pastor will make parishioners aware of this ministry.

Hospitality Committee:

The Hospitality Committee has 3 main events per year: winter, fall, and spring. Their purpose is to bring the church community together through events where people can socialize. They will also provide outreach to special events.

**Other:**

Four Council members have terms that are up in May: Julia, Sharon, Michele, and Laraine. Let Laraine know by the end of February whether you wish to serve a second 3 year term.

Parking for the elevator was discussed. The parking lot has been changed to only handicap parking. The only people who will be granted a parking pass to the gate are those who present a state-issued handicap pass to Kathleen, who will then issue a gate car. Since it is Rick McCauley who is authorized to make the parking rules, any disagreements with the new policy needs to be directed to him. Discussion took place on the different situations that exist for those that need to use the elevator. Anyone who needs access to the church who does not have a state-issued handicap card or license plate will need to use the east entrance.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next meeting is MARCH 10, 2015.