

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, Nov 21, 2011

Members:

Fr. Methodius Kiwale

Judith Morrow, Chair

Lynette Castiglione

Rich Lang

Judy Laxen

Arturo Martinez

Muriel Scala – absent

Jacqueline Smay

Edward Walls

Meeting called to order by, Judith Morrow

Opening prayer offered by, Judy l

Minutes from Oct 2011 reviewed and approved.

- Copy posted in church entrance, minute book (located in hall) and web site.

NEW BUSINESS>

- *Craft fair*; a suggestion for SJoG to join the UC annual craft fair. Jacqueline noted that due to the economy UC cancelled this years' fair. Although it would be good to hold a craft fair at SJoG the first two weekends are already scheduled with events. We will place on the calendar for possible spring event.
- *Hospital ministry*; Harriett Kelley, hospital Chaplain, sent out an email today announcing she has resigned her position as Chaplain at UC medical center. Fr. Methodius commented the hospital ministry is in desperate need of volunteers. The council is concerned we will no longer have a liaison between the hospital and SJoG. Judy L will ask Lorraine G who is now training new volunteers if she could help us this area for now.
We are very saddened by this news, however it is important Harriett consider her health first.
- *Lay-led communion*; the council would like to look into this possibility should there be a time when SJoG is without a priest to officiate at Mass, due to illness or vacations. This may affect the week day Mass more than on the weekend.
Some of the questions the council asked; is there a set program; what type of training is required; a set liturgy; is any other parish doing; and what is lay-led communion? Fr. Methodius believes it would be the decision of the Archdiocese. Rich suggested checking with the Deacon and the Liturgy Committee, and he will follow up.

ON-GOING BUSINESS>

- *Stained glass windows (2 larger windows)*. The original delivery for the return of the windows is the first week in December. Rich will check with Joe if there is a delay, and if there is, has a new time been scheduled. The council intended to ask Bishop Justice and Monsignor Tarantino to bless the windows on Dec 10, we will wait for Joe's response.
- *Collins Hall rental*: Judy L is working with Paula on a new rental agreement. Once a draft is completed they will forward to Joe C for review.
- *Collins Hall chimney*; The project is complete, and came under budget. Thank you Joe.

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- *Ministry month*; Due to a conflict with other events the council will begin the Ministry program in December.
- *Christmas party*; a special email invitation sent to Fr. Alan and Fr. Martin. A question asked if the toy collection would be a part of the party this year. It was discontinued the year before last because only about 3 people participated. The feedback was to keep this a community social event, but this can be re-visited next year.
- *Sock weekend*; since December has rapidly filled with events we will pick a weekend in January to collect socks for the homeless.
- *Administrative office*; a call for help from Paula to assist her one day a week or a couple of hours two days a week. We will place a notice in the weekly bulletin and on google group.
- *Annual council dinner*; a date to be determined.
- *Pastoral Planning – committees*;
 - Evangelization:
 - Ministries:
 - Stewardship: - Scripts program moving forward
 - Outreach:
 - Youth Religious Education Program:
 - Faith Formation:

Fr. Methodius expressed concerned with the resignation of Harriett, she will leave a huge void. He will check with Dave F and Dorle on the amount of input SJoG has with the replacement. Fr. Methodius noted he and Joe C will be meeting with Bishop Justice this Wednesday (hopefully Judith M is able to also attend).

Harriett has served at the hospital for 11 years, the council would like to express our appreciation to her.

Closing prayer offered by Jacqueline.

Next council meeting scheduled for Jan 16, 2012

.....*Until we meet again*