

St. John Neumann Parish Council Minutes
November 22, 2011

Council Members:

Jerry Campbell, Chris Linder, Nancy Eggener, Bill Mitchell, Melanie Dobner, Julie Schramke, Mary Coffin, Ken Maio, Mike Landry, John MacGregor, Joanne Dudkiewicz, Noël Fortier
Absent: Carly Richter, Joey Horan, Tom Sambs

Ex officio Members:

Fr. John, Rich Burgardt

Guests:

Jay Janda, Ronan James

Assemble in Gods Name:

Prayer and Scripture reading led by Chris Linder.

Celebrate Our Past:

No changes to minutes from last month.

Information and Reports:

- Administration & Finance (Noël Fortier) – We are in the black! Discussed fundraising committee and need to put together an events calendar, new procedure now in place for money counters.
- Prayer & Worship (Mary Coffin) – Minister training update, discussed Advent and Christmas.
- LLFF (Julie Schramke) – Update on Breakfast in Bethlehem, how Sunday children, teen and adult sessions are going, efforts to control the noise in Neumann Hall.
- Stewardship (Joanne Dudkiewicz) – Time/Talent sheet finalized, committee is reviewing its mission
- Human Concerns (Mike Landry) – Discussed how there are many volunteers currently doing “human concerns” but it is not a coordinated effort, the committee needs to get a handle on everything already going on at SJN. Ronan James has agreed to be interim Chairperson.
- WCSS (John MacGregor) – Discussed accreditation process, Pathways to Promise assessment, Annual Fund Appeal.

Good of the Parish:

- Jay Janda gave an update on the Archdiocese Pastoral Council. The next meeting is in March.
- Council members discussed Wisconsin’s new conceal carry law and what, if any, changes need to be made at SJN. Ronan James gave his input. Several others expressed their concern in e-mail and in person to Fr. John and other council members.
- The new mission statement was finalized. Jerry Campbell will take the lead in getting this out to the parish. It reads,

We, the Catholic faith community of Saint John Neumann, believe we are called
By God, to create a welcoming community, holding all life sacred
By Jesus, to love by sharing the Good News
By the Holy Spirit, to empower all of God’s people

- Congratulations to the K of C and SJN for taking 2nd place in the Waukesha Christmas Parade.
- Fr. John encourages council members to rotate masses to get a feel for the congregation.

- Review of the first half of Chapter 13 was postponed until next month (Ken Maio).
- December prayer and Scripture will be led by Joanne Dudkiewicz.

Go in God's Name

Closing prayer led by Chris Linder.

Important Dates:

December 4th – Breakfast in Bethlehem

December 6th – Parish Council-sponsored pot luck dinner

December 27th – Parish Council meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Schramke & Nancy Eggener