

Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
Parish Administrative Council
November 26, 2013
MINUTES

Present: Father Steve, Ron Dobbs, Luann Sieben, LaVon Gustafson, Steve Maher and Mary Nordstrom. **Absent:** Berni Schwaegerl

We began with opening prayer and commitment to our AFC vision. Our minutes from October and tonight's agenda were approved as printed.

Pastor's report: Father Steve reported on the Annuity/Stocks & Bonds investment with Catholic United Financial as was recommended last month. The transfer of funds is now complete.

We discussed the Vision Weekend - positive comments from everyone involved.

Because a Vision without any action is just a daydream, the Area Pastoral Council is reading the book *Rebuilt*, and working on goals for the area faith community. These goals will be printed in an upcoming newsletter or the bulletin.

Deacon Ken Stalboerger arranged for volunteers to be present for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the end of the Year of Faith.

Area Pastoral Council and Area Committees: no comments on the reports.

Financial Reports: We discussed the Fall Festival contribution from CCW to the general fund, and the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA). As of today, OLOL's commitments are about 2/3 of what we need to meet our goal. We are going to check into projection equipment for the sanctuary.

The Link: Father Steve attended the Link's annual dinner on Sunday evening. It was a delightful evening, and a lot of OLOL parishioners were in attendance. Father Steve will be talking to Tim Cayler and Terry Brunson about having OLOL's choir at next year's evening. The ecumenical atmosphere in the NL-S area is one that isn't present in all communities; we should acknowledge this positive energy. We discussed the awareness of the Link among our parishioners. A motion was made that we use our DMA refund to increase our gift to the Link to \$3,000 and the remaining money from the refund to go to the debt reduction fund.

Rectory Note: We will finalize our payoff plan at our January meeting, but should be close to paying it off without having to do another appeal.

PAC Purpose Statement: Each member shared their thoughts on what they thought their role is on this council. Father shared his thoughts... he sees the council as an advisory bridge to make recommendations to help advance the reality of our vision statement, both in finance and pastoral areas. The council is also the ears and the eyes of the parish to bring the pulse of the parish back to the pastor. The council agreed that the purpose statement adopted by St. Mary's PAC would also serve our needs. *Our purpose is to be an advisory council to the pastor to ensure that the pastoral and financial needs of the parish are being met.*

Maintenance Committee: Father Steve will contact a parishioner to lead this group.

Staff Christmas gifts were discussed. Some options were discussed about increasing the amount given.

Other discussions took place on parishioner feedback on current activities and events in the area.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2014.