

**Church of St. Patrick
Parish Administrative Council
November 19, 2013**

MINUTES

Members present: Fr. Steve, Joan Conway, Joyce Wittman, Helen Hennes, Jerry Barnes, Pat Burgmeier, and Jim Strouth. Mary Nordstrom was unable to attend.

We began with opening prayer and a commitment to our Vision statement. The minutes from September were approved, and tonight's agenda was approved with no additions.

Pastor's Report: Father Steve noted that Advent begins on November 30. We will need to have our Giving Tree up by then. The Area Service Committee is preparing tree and stocking ornaments for the tree. Cecelia has coordinated this here in the past. Father also talked about his trip to the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland (suburb of Baltimore). This parish is the basis of the book *Rebuilt*, a parish that has grown from 1,000 to 5,000 members in five years. They focus on hospitality, marketing, and reaching the lost. Two of their core values are: *Conversation leads to Conversion*, and *One message, one church*. Everyone is hearing the same message: in the homily, the kids in Liturgy of the Word, the kids in the nursery, in their small Christian communities.

Area Pastoral Council / Committee reports: Father Steve discussed the homelessness in Kandiyohi County and the ways that our AFC contributes currently.

- o Currently, our AFC supports the *Safe Harbors* program that is run through Heartland Community Action Agency and helps with temporary lodging at a local motel. The Church of St. Mary's tithing program helps fund a motel room for homeless individuals.
- o Another program that is in its infancy is the *Family Promise* program. This provides housing for homeless families at churches on a week-by-week basis. The goal is for sixteen churches who would then offer housing four different weeks per year. Congregations would also have an option to partner with another one if they are too small or otherwise unable to support it on their own.
- o The Area Service committee is working with representatives from the other committees to review and discuss *Family Promise* and eventually make a recommendation to the Area Pastoral Council.

Parish Committee/Organization reports:

- **CCW:** There are no Thanksgiving baskets this year. The CCW is donating money for groceries for the holiday baskets. Sharon and Jackie will be helping with this. People who need help from the giving tree should call the office.
- **Knights of Columbus:** no report; still meeting periodically.

- **Basket raffle:** possibly in June
- **Cemetery:** no report
- **Finance Reports:** We reviewed the financial reports from October. Father Steve pointed out that we had to take money out of savings to cover our expenses.

Information/Discussion/Action Items

- **PAC Purpose Statement:** We discussed this some more. We are an advisory bridge to the parish, AFC, and the Pastor.
- **Faith Formation:** We may do a basket raffle in June to help subsidize the Faith Formation programs at St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Lakes where our students are now attending.
- **Parish Self Study:** We discussed the parish self study.
- **Maintenance Committee:** This committee will be Jim Strouth, Steve Onnen, Mike Cronen and Jerry Barnes.
 - We looked at the asphalt estimates; these issues will be addressed next Spring.
 - The roof repair bill was paid in October.
 - The sidewalk bill was submitted in late October and paid on November 5.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, ~~November 19~~ January 21 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Hennes