

Church of St. Patrick
Parish Administrative Council
3/19/2013 – Minutes

Members present: Father Steve, Deb Reitsma, Jim Strouth, Joan Conway, Joyce Wittman, Pat Burgemeier, Jerry Barnes, and Mary Nordstrom.

We began with our prayer to the Holy Spirit.

The minutes from January 15, 2013 were approved and the agenda was approved as printed.

Father Steve gave his pastor's report.

- After consultation with the Area Pastoral Council and the Area Staff, we are postponing the Civic Center Mass that was scheduled for Pentecost Sunday.
- He brought up that due to John Munson's death, we need a St. Patrick's representative on the Area Stewardship Committee. We also need two members on the PAC.
- Father was very pleased with the turnout on Sunday at the Ham Dinner. It was nice to see the large number of people involved. Jim said that Msgr. Garvey pointed out that next year will be the 50th Ham Dinner. Dinners were up from last year – especially take-outs.

We recommitted ourselves to the AFC vision statement and reviewed the Area Pastoral Council and Committee reports. Father discussed the statistics he had shared at the APC meeting on the percentages of engaged-level of Catholics. We need to focus on the 7% of highly-engaged Catholics to find out what made the difference to them, and then build on that.

No report from CCW or Catholic United Financial. The KC Soup Suppers are going well. Different parishioners have been leading the Stations. No cemetery report.

We reviewed the financial reports. We are behind in contributions, but we have been able to keep expenses in-check.

Maintenance issues:

- We discussed the leaks in the roof. Jerry commented that it appears that the rubber membrane is starting to shrink and thinks that we may have issues in those areas. We need to keep it on the radar and get it fixed as soon as possible. We discussed whether we should budget for roof snow removal or heat tapes. Heat tapes do not always work, and we also want to avoid being on the roof as much as possible.
- Sidewalk: Is it livable, or do we have to replace it? Will water run in with Spring rains or when the snow melts? Father wants us to have a bid in writing from Larcom so that we can sign it and move on it if it looks like the landscaping has not taken care of the main issues.
- Pews: Jay has enough plywood to do the pew project. We need someone to be in charge of doing the project. Father thinks that we need to just hire a carpenter and have their crew do it. Father Steve and Mary will get two or three written bids with a timeline by April 15. We need to move this project forward.
- Fire extinguisher sign: Due to concerns about where it would hang, Mary brought a laminated sign to see if it will work. If not, a different one will be procured.
- Jim wanted to verify that the Atwater Fire Department was thanked for the AED. Mary thinks that the Health & Wellness Committee thanked them but will verify.
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Our next scheduled meeting is May 12, 2013 at 6:00 pm. When we have the bids, we will distribute them and hopefully give the crew the green light to start as soon as possible.

Mary Nordstrom