

**Church of St. Patrick**  
**Parish Administrative Council**  
**5/21/2013 – 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 March 19, 2013 were approved and the agenda was approved as printed.

Father Steve gave his pastor's report.

- Father Steve discussed the movement of the priests and that to welcome Fr. Jim, we are going to have a leadership picnic on Wednesday, July 10, at 6:00 pm here at St. Patrick's. We will need someone to bring a grill (possibly two). The AFC will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and juice. Others should bring a dish to pass. We are inviting the APC, Area Committees, each parish's PAC, and the staff, along with spouses.

We recommitted ourselves to the AFC vision statement and reviewed the Area Pastoral Council and Committee reports. The Area Pastoral Council approved the proposed 2013-2014 budget at its meeting on May 16. This budget sees a decline in each parish's AFC assessment.

The CCW has offered to purchase some items for the church. We gave them the approval with the stipulation that we wait until Fr. Jim arrives before purchasing an alb. We need to determine the exact needs on this.

Diane shared some statistics regarding the Faith Formation program at St. Patrick's. There has been a steady decline in the number of students, and a large decline in the number of catechists. Diane has requested help from the families and from the parish in general, with very little response. This has resulted in several grade levels being taught in the same class. After much discussion, it was suggested that Father Steve send a letter to all parish families indicating that we must have a firm commitment from at least eight catechists in order to have a program this fall. The letter will be sent out and responses will be needed by Monday, July 1.

Maintenance issues:

- Hedlof is almost finished with the pew repair project.
- We received the signed contract from Josh Larcom for the sidewalk repair.
- Several maintenance items were discussed. Father Steve requested that we set up a maintenance committee to deal with these issues so that the PAC can focus on issues such as Faith Formation and the future needs of the parish.

There will be a farewell reception on Sunday, June 23 from 1-3 pm at the Church of St. Mary for Father Brian and Father John. Please contact Mary if you are able to help at this event.

We reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 budget. A few corrections are needed. Also, the final budget is still waiting on numbers from the Diocese.

We moved over to the rectory to identify items that need to be fixed before Fr. Jim moves in.

Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary. This is the meeting of all councils and committees in the AFC.

Mary Nordstrom