

Church of St. Patrick
Parish Administrative Council
MINUTES – 5/19/2015

Present: Father Steve, Helen Hennes, Jackie Ostendorf, Jim Strouth, Joan Conway, Joyce Wittman, and Mary Nordstrom. Pat Burgemeier was absent.

We began with opening prayer and recommitment to the APC Vision. Our minutes and tonight's agenda were approved with the addition of St. Patrick's Ham Dinner. Joan Conway thanked the council for the flowers sent to Joe's funeral.

Pastor's Report:

- Father reported that Pat Day has unofficially resigned as an accompanist at St. Patrick's. We are waiting on a written resignation from her so that he is sure that is her intent. The council decided that a gift from the parish was appropriate as she has been the accompanist for over 30 years. (Mary will take care of this.)
- Tom Gillis, a parishioner from St. Mary's has volunteered to mow the lawn once a week. Right now the mower is being repaired, but should be fixed by Friday or Tuesday.
- We discussed the problem of getting parishioners to step up and volunteer – not just the lawn mowing, but liturgical ministries as well.

Area Committee Reports:

There were no comments on the council and committee reports.

Finance Reports:

We reviewed the April financial reports.

- We are waiting on a small bequest. Mary will notify the council when it arrives.
- We should be able to pay the June bills without having to transfer from savings. The Ham Dinner was very helpful to the parish's financial picture – especially since the expenses were paid by the AFC and the income stayed at St. Patrick's.

Information Items:

1. The Summer Mass schedule will run from June 6/7 through September 6. Again this summer St. Mary's will be the only parish to see a change: there will only be one Sunday morning Mass in English, and it will be at 9:30 am.
2. Fr. Steve will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 am on Sunday, June 14 at St. Mary's in Willmar. There will be a light reception following the Mass.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Consultation meetings:

- a.** Meetings will be held this Fall in Willmar and Spicer.
- b.** Answers to the open questions from St. Pat's meeting will be mailed out to all parishioners.
- c.** Another meeting will be held in Kandiyohi in the Fall (preferably early November) to see how the Mass rotation with Lake Lillian is going.

2. Fall Mass schedule: The Area Pastoral Council will determine if St. Patrick and St. Thomas More rotate every other week or every other month. Regardless of the rotation, it will be critical for parishioners to check the bulletin or website for the current schedule.

Even with the rotation of Masses in Kandiyohi and Lake Lillian, this only takes us down to seven weekend Masses. Our goal is to eventually be down to six. The APC will be addressing this.

3. Budget: The budget for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 was approved. The parish budget drops significantly and the weekly amount needed goes from \$1,550 to \$1,290. This is the lowest budget the parish has had in over 11 years, and is due to our one AFC budget for expenses.

Our next meeting is the All Council/Committee gathering on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary.