

Church of St. Patrick
Parish Administrative Council Meeting - MINUTES
November 20, 2012

Present: Fr. Steve, Deb Reitsma, Jerry Barnes, Pat Burgemeier, Joan Conway, Joyce Wittman, and Mary Nordstrom

Absent: Jim Strouth

We opened with prayer, approved the agenda as printed, and recommitted ourselves to our AFC Vision.

Pastor's report: Fr. Steve informed us that Arlene Hentges passed away. Her funeral will be Saturday, November 24, at 11 am. He also commented that it was nice to see the windows being installed. During the installation, it was noticed that the window sills were damaged and need to be replaced. Fr. Steve gave Mike Cronen the OK on this change. He also wanted to make sure the council members were aware of the change in the Parish Nurse ministry with the resignation of Cate Giroux. The Area Health & Wellness Subcommittee is meeting to plan for this ministry going forward. One area that will specifically impact the Church of St. Patrick is the offering of an AED training session.

Area Pastoral Council report: The APC's main work right now is being focused on the Area Mission that will occur during March, the Mass at the Civic Center on Pentecost, 2013, and simplifying the Vision statement. Especially with the Civic Center Mass, there is a need for many volunteers setting up and executing this event. There will also be a planning task force that will begin meeting after the first of the year to lead the various committees needed for the event.

Cemetery Committee: Mike Cain and Jim Strouth took some dirt out to the cemetery and put it around some of the headstones that were raised earlier this year. Mike also trimmed some trees on the church and rectory property.

CCW: Hosted the Diocesan CCW board meeting in November and prepared lunch for this group.

KC: The St. Patrick's KC council will be working with the KC councils in Willmar and Spicer to serve chili at the Advent Enrichment event on Sunday, 12/2 at 4:00 pm in Willmar.

Finance Reports: Mary explained the new financial reports.

Maintenance:

- Jerry has worked with Mike Cronen on the window project, who told Jerry that if we do any work on the roof, we will need to allow in the budget to fix some of the old water damage in the siding. Jerry is going to put yellow paint where the lip is.
- Pews: Jay Cronen has the wood to reinforce the pews and will cut it to the proper dimensions. We had talked about bringing in Brian Kallevig to help with this project. Jim was going to talk to Brian. Joyce will follow up with Jim to see if that contact has been made. We will try to get this scheduled by our January meeting. Fr. Steve suggested that if we can't get a handyman to do it, we should just work with Mike and Jay to pick a Saturday and get it done.
- Sidewalk: We will wait until Spring to replace it. Josh Larcom will be doing it, and will prepare a written bid and contract.
- Broken sign: Joyce had Diane Cronen get the dimensions of the sign so that it can be replaced.
- Discussed the need for a fire extinguisher sign.

Self-study reports: Discussed the trends of declining population – especially youth – in the area faith community and at the Church of St. Patrick in particular.

DMA collection – information only.

Election of officers: Deb is chair, Joyce is vice-chair, and Mary is the secretary.

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner: St. Patrick's Day is on a Sunday next year. There will be a Mass at the Church of St. Patrick at 10:00 am that day. Diane Cronen will be the chair of the event, and Bob and Deb Reitsma will help her. Joyce/Gordy and Mary Glimsdal will be in charge of the raffle.

Christmas program/Christmas Eve and Day Masses: We have not heard from Diane if there is going to be a Christmas program, so the assumption is that there isn't one. Christmas Eve Mass will be at 4:00 pm, and there will be a Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:00 pm. We will each bring an appetizer.