

**Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water
Area Stewardship Committee Meeting
May 7, 2015**

Present: Father Steve, Mary Jo Schmoll, Ron Hennes, Rick Conway, Steve Maher, and Mary Nordstrom. The AFC department heads also joined the meeting to present their department budgets.

Budget presentations: Each of the department heads presented their budgets. The budgets were accepted as presented with the following exceptions:

- Administration: update with actual numbers sent today by the diocese for priest salaries and benefits.
- Facilities: Change the building improvement / capital fund to be an AFC Equipment fund in the amount of \$12,000 per year. The AFC does not pay for building improvements, only AFC equipment.
 - St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Lakes budgets will each reflect budgeted expenses to their capital funds in the amount of \$12,000 per year.
- In addition, we approved the purchase of an additional laptop with an HDMI connection. This will allow one laptop to be dedicated to running the worship slide shows, and will hopefully reduce the issues we have experienced with screen resolution.

Parish assessments:

- We reviewed how this proposed budget would impact each individual parish. We also discussed that in the past, our AFC assessment calculation was based on the previous year's income, number of parishioners and \$50 donors. This can result in large fluctuations, especially if a parish receives a large bequest in one year. Since we are now paying all expenses from the AFC, the impact of each percentage change is much larger than when only certain expenses were paid through the assessments. The possibility of such large swings is why the diocese uses a 3-year rolling average when calculating DUF (our diocesan assessment). Since we have used the DUF calculations as the model for our AFC assessment, it was proposed that we move to a 3-year rolling average when calculating our AFC assessment. This proposal was approved by the committee.

Conclusion:

- Mary will make the changes identified above and prepare a budget summary for the APC's next meeting on Thursday, May 21.

Next meeting:

- Our next meeting will be the All Councils/Committees meeting on **Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm. (tentative date).**