

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKES**  
**PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**  
**October 23, 2012, 5:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Fr. Steve, LuAnn Sieben, Steve Maher, Duane Day, LaVon Gustafson, Bernie Schwaegerl, Ron Dobbs, Carol Lee, and Mary Nordstrom

**Members absent:** Tom Tengwall, Bill Taunton

*Items in italics are action items from the meeting.*

Fr. Steve led us in our opening prayer for the year – the Prayer to the Holy Spirit from Vatican II.

We welcomed LuAnn Sieben, Steve Maher, and Ron Dobbs to the PAC. LuAnn and Ron are the new trustees for the parish.

We recited our AFC mission statement.

- Election of Officers
  - LaVon agreed to serve as chair and Ron will be vice-chair. This year, all of our committees have a staff member as the scribe.
- Pastor's Report
  - Fr. Steve thanked Ron & Carol for serving as chairs of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee. It was a very nice weekend with the festival and the anniversary celebration. Catering was a good choice so that parishioners didn't have to work during the event.
  - The Year of Faith began October 11. Fr. Steve has invited all parishioners to submit their personal stories of faith that will be shared in the bulletin and Area newsletters. We also have the Catholicism Series by Fr. Robert Barron that may be used as a faith resource; we are planning small Christian communities that will begin in Fall, 2013. An AFC Mass will be celebrated at the Civic Center on Pentecost Sunday (May 19, 2013), and finally, we are looking forward to having an AFC Mission in March. Fr. Arthur Carillo, a Passionist priest, will be here for two weeks to lead both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking members of the AFC.
  - Fr. Steve discussed fundraising. He wants to make sure that the reason that people are coming to church is not because of the fundraising, but that we gather to worship God and hand on our faith to future generations. We shouldn't need fundraisers to build community in the parish – we gather as a community to pray for the needs of the community and come forward as a community to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
  - One goal we should have as a council is to try and increase the automatic giving. Most young people don't use checks and we need to recognize the changing trends. We discussed that it may be beneficial to contact the people currently using automatic giving to ask them if they have evaluated their giving recently. Some people give and forget about it and don't think about making increases.
- Area Pastoral Council & Area Committee Reports
  - Reports were available for members to read on their own.
- Finance Reports
  - Fr. Steve explained the financial reports for the new members. He also highlighted some new line items on the balance sheet.
  - *Mary will send out the year-end financial report to PAC members.*
- Discussion / Action Items

- a. DMA:
  - i. This year's goal is \$15,965.16; need to pick a project for excess raised
    - *Excess will be applied to our parish's donation to the Link*
  - ii. Last year's excess was \$5,524.37.
    - *As was decided last year, this will go into the general fund to offset expenses for the anniversary celebration.*
- b. LINK
  - i. Requested donation of ~~\$2,000~~ \$2,700 (they suggest \$50 per household).
    - *Carol will talk to Rhonda to come and make a presentation to the PAC about the Link, the work they do, and their financial report. At that meeting, we will present them with our annual donation.*
  - ii. Concert at OLOL
    - The Link's community concert will be held at OLOL on Sunday, November 18, at 7:00 pm.
- a. Parish and Area self-study reports
  - We discussed the census reports for the parish and the AFC.
- a. Establishment of Permanent St. Vincent de Paul endowment.
  - A family at OLOL has expressed an interest in beginning a permanent endowment at the parish. They will fund it with \$15,000 now and another \$15,000 at the end of the year. They wish to remain anonymous, and have requested that the interest generated by the endowment be used by the parish to minister to the poor. Msgr. Grams has suggested that the most efficient way to do this would be to start an OLOL Foundation, and this endowment would be one section of it. That way, if another endowment is desired in the future, no additional paperwork would be needed.
  - *Fr. Steve will thank the family for their generosity and work with the parish corporation – Bishop LeVoir, Msgr. Grams, the two trustees and himself to get this in place.*
- a. Snow removal
  - Chris Pientka's bid for snow removal was approved.
- b. Church lights
  - We have 12 or 13 lights that are burned out in the church. Carol has left a message with Ed to get an update.
  - Kevin Van Sloun has told us that the sound system we use is wide-band and this will be outlawed by January, 2013. *Carol is going to contact Dave Sisser to see what the cost would be to replace this.*
- c. CCW report
  - Net proceeds from the Fall Festival were \$13,295.16. On behalf of the CCW, LaVon made a \$13,000 donation to the parish. Fr. Steve expressed his deep gratitude and will make sure that it gets noted in the bulletin.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 5:00 pm.