

Our Lady of the Lakes
Parish Administrative Council
October 22, 2013
MINUTES

Present: Father Steve, Ron Dobbs, Berni Schwaegerl, Luann Sieben, LaVon Gustafson, and Mary Nordstrom. **Absent:** Steve Maher and Tom Tengwall.

We began with opening prayer and commitment to our AFC vision. Our minutes from May and tonight's agenda were approved as printed.

Investment Proposal from Catholic United Financial for Vincent de Paul Fund: Bob Huermann and Lyle Turbes attended to present information about investment opportunities for our Vincent de Paul fund. Bob talked about the Catholic United Financial Foundation and described its areas of focus and their investment opportunities. After they left, the council had a discussion on the purpose of the endowment and how the investment income would be distributed. It was suggested that we invest \$20,000 of the Vincent de Paul funds in Catholic United Financial's mutual funds and \$20,000 in their annuities. We recommended receiving dividends quarterly. It was also noted that this group has not received the final paperwork on the Vincent de Paul fund. This will be sent.

Pastor's report: Father Steve thanked everyone involved in the Fall Festival. Carol is still waiting on some of the expenses to come in before we will know the bottom line. Father also mentioned that there is still considerable pain regarding clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of New Ulm and across the whole Church. It is a dark chapter and we can only hope that the victims receive the help that they need.

Area Pastoral Council and Area Committees: Discussion took place regarding the Area Word Committee's upcoming survey.

Father pointed out the upcoming Area Evening Prayer of Remembrance that will be this coming Sunday here at Our Lady of the Lakes. In addition to the parishioners who died in the past year, we invite all attendees to write down the names of their deceased relatives and friends. The names will be read and family members will bring up candles for lighting.

The Area Anointing Mass is an opportunity to get your Spiritual Flu Shot! It is held at 10:30 am on Thursday, November 21 at the Church of St. Mary. After Mass, the Area staff will serve the attendees a full turkey dinner. Please invite others to attend and watch the bulletin to call in for reservations.

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Financial statements: Discussion took place regarding the possibility of investing some of the Maintenance Fund. We also need to consider what we want to do when the balloon payment comes due on the rectory note. We need to ponder that for a while before a decision is made. Our goal is to make a decision by our January meeting. We also discussed the Westby memorial and possible uses for that bequest that meet the requirements of the donor.

There was a question about the need to adjust the sprinkling system when there is a lot of rain and other custodial/maintenance issues.

PAC Purpose Statement (notes from 9/3/2013 enclosed): tabled until next month

Vision Statement: The Vision statement is now being printed at the bottom of our agendas. It will also be stenciled on a wall in each of our worship sites. We will be commissioning the Vision the weekend of November 23/24 during Mass. After each Mass, we need to have a festive celebration (including Saturday Masses). This should be more than just coffee and doughnuts.

Parish Self Study: We looked at the results of the parish self-studies and discussed some of the numbers.

The Link: Rhonda visited Fr. Steve this summer to thank him for OLOL's support of the Link in past years. The Link has requested that we increase our donation to \$3,000. We are tabling this topic until next month.

DMA: The DMA video will be shown November 9/10. We are recommending that the excess funds go to our commitment to the Link and other parish maintenance items.

Maintenance Committee: With Ed Pirrotta's death, there is no leadership on the Maintenance Committee. Father Steve will ask someone to be in charge of leading a group that will prioritize maintenance needs. This is not a group that has to do the repairs; they prepare a prioritized list that is presented to the PAC or to Father Steve. The PAC then makes recommendations to the pastor on those items. (Not all maintenance items need PAC approval. There are funds in the budget for maintenance. If Father Steve is made aware of maintenance issues, he will make the decision whether it needs to wait for a PAC meeting or can be paid for out of the budgeted funds.)

Time and Talent feedback: tabled until next month.

Next Administrative Council Meeting: **Tuesday, November 26, 5:00 pm.**

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