

**Church of Our Lady of the Lakes**  
**Parish Administrative Council**  
**January 28, 2014**  
**Minutes**

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

We began with opening prayer and commitment to our AFC vision statement. Our minutes from November were approved and tonight's agenda was approved with additions.

**Pastor's report:** Father Steve passed on a request that we do a collection on Ash Wednesday (when there is not usually a collection) with the proceeds to Safe Harbors which provides hotel rooms for homeless citizens in Kandiyohi County. The council thought that it was worth trying one year to see how it goes.

The Link concert will be held at Our Lady of the Lakes in 2014. It is now on the parish calendar.

**Area and Parish Committee reports:** There was brief discussion on the reports.

**Finance reports:** People were very generous to the parish over Christmas and the end of the year, which is very much appreciated. We briefly reviewed the weekly contribution averages since 2004.

### **Information Items**

1. Confirmation - will be held on Sunday, February 9 in Willmar. There are 57 candidates this year.
2. Easter Vigil - 4/19: Will be held at 8:30 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes.
3. Adoration during Lent on Fridays: Deacon Ken has asked that there be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during Lent. He will be working with various groups to ensure volunteers will be present.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

1. Youth Ministry: Mary Ellen was here to discuss youth ministry at OLOL. She would like a stronger Youth Minister presence. Father Steve commented that we need to get parents to be backing the events and activities, including bringing them to Mass. Father Steve will talk to Christine to see if she can increase her time out here.

2. Maintenance Committee: Father Steve will contact Ken Heinen about this committee.
3. Rectory Note: Father proposed that we pay off the rectory note. We owe \$57,000 and have a little more than \$37,000 in designated savings for this. The proposal is that we take the remaining \$19,000+ from the maintenance fund. We also talked about having a small celebration after Mass once we get the paperwork complete.
4. Tithing as a Parish: We need to begin thinking about whether we would like to have the parish begin designating a percentage of our income to give to the needy on a local, national and international level.
5. Vincent de Paul annuities: Father Steve will talk to Lyle Turbes about some questions regarding the annuity statements.
6. Chairs: We are getting prices for replacing the folding chairs with stacking chairs. It was also requested that we get a bid on additional pew space.