

Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
Parish Administrative Council Meeting
November 25, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Father Steve, Luann Sieben, Berni Schwaegerl, Ron Dobbs, Steve Maher, and Mary Nordstrom.

Absent: Dave Henle and Shari Lapatka

We began with opening prayer and a recommitment to our Vision statement. October's minutes and tonight's agenda were approved as printed.

Pastor's Report: Father Steve thanked everyone who helped Our Lady of the Lakes host the Link concert this past Sunday. It was nice to have OLOL's choir represented. The Area Stewardship Committee is one person away from being complete. Father is hopeful that the committee can meet in December.

Area & Parish Committee Reports: Father Steve gave a verbal report on last week's Area Pastoral Council meeting. The APC reviewed two options that were presented by Fr. Steve and Fr. Jerry. Option A was to retain eight Masses each weekend and change the start times on Sunday morning in Willmar to 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 in Spanish. Option B was to eliminate the Saturday evening Mass in Kandiyohi and have Kandiyohi and Lake Lillian alternate Sunday morning Masses each week. After much discussion and prayer, we will change the start times at St. Mary's in Willmar effective January 4, 2015. We will then hold the parishioner consultation meetings in February to discuss the best long-term solutions.

Finance Reports: We reviewed the October financial reports for OLOL. The AFC ones were also presented for information.

Information Items:

1. **Discipleship Retreat - Saturday, January 24, 2015:** Begins at 8:30 am and ends with Mass in the afternoon. It will be a day of spiritual enrichment, and will attempt to give people the tools to help encourage others to become disciples.
2. **Advent Tea:** Scheduled for Wednesday, December 17.

Discussion/Action Items

1. **Family Promise of Kandiyohi County (FPKC) funding request:** FPKC is beginning a fundraising effort in order to begin housing homeless families. One suggestion was to use our Ash Wednesday collection as we did last year when we gave to Heartland's Safe Harbors.
2. **Marciniak donation:** Our Lady of the Lakes was the recipient of a donation in memory of Bob Marciniak. The donation was not earmarked, so discussion took place regarding where the Council thought the money should go.
3. **Audio visual system:** PAC members talked to other parishioners to gain opinions... many thought it would be a good idea, but there is some concern about the cost. There was discussion that we mention it to parishioners and let them know that it is a goal of the parish and we will be accepting donations for the project.
4. **Acknowledgement of key volunteers:** Father Steve brought up various ways that volunteers are recognized in our parishes, such as the Advent Tea here at OLOL. Are there other ways we could be thanking them and recognizing them? How do we create a culture of thanksgiving as opposed to one event.
5. **Electrical work in classrooms:** Karl Sand is coordinating the effort to install new electrical outlets in our classrooms. Other parishioners who are electricians will be helping depending on their availability. This work is generously being donated by the electricians.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 5:15 pm. Council members are encouraged to attend the Discipleship retreat on Saturday, January 24.