

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Administrative Council
Monday, October 26, 2015
MINUTES

Present: Father Steve, Luann Sieben, Steve Maher, Ron Dobbs, Dave Henle, and Mary Nordstrom. **Absent:** Sherri Lapatka

We began with opening prayer and a review of today's agenda.

Pastor's Report: Father explained the notices of claims that have been filed against the Church of St. Mary. He will be in New Ulm on Wednesday for an update on these claims.

Area Pastoral Council & Committee Reports

Father Steve brought the group up to speed on items discussed at the Area Pastoral Council meeting, including the need to have a Mass schedule that could be done by one priest, which would be used in cases of vacation or an extended illness.

Finance Reports

We reviewed the finance reports.

Information Items

- Fiat: We are putting out more issues this year, with fewer pages. The hope is that more people will read them and become engaged.
- JOLW mobile app: The AFC now has a mobile app that people can load on their
- DMA: This year, the DMA will be reorganized to include the parishes right away from the first dollar donated. The parishes will receive 20% of the amount their parishioners donate. In order to compensate for this, the total DMA goal was increased by 20%. The parish goals this year are also "soft" goals in opposed to past "hard" goals, which means that the parish will not be assessed if it isn't met. Because of the significant changes, we will publicize the percentages where the money will go.

Discussion / Action Items

- Parish consultation meeting: The dates that the APC set are January 19 and 21. It has not been decided which night for which parish. A subcommittee of the APC will be meeting next week to determine what questions need to be discussed at the meetings.

- Fall festival: We have not received a report yet.
- Area festival: We continued the discussion that was started at the APC meeting regarding the possibility of an Area festival. There are many thoughts about this - each parish has different goals and purposes from their events. The challenge going forward is to identify new leaders to take over from the people who have been doing it for years. So far we have been hearing that most parishes want to continue their own festivals.