

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Administrative Council
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
MINUTES

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

We began with opening prayer and approved the minutes from last month's non-official meeting and tonight's agenda.

Pastor's Report: Father Steve informed the council members of Father Jerry's upcoming 40th anniversary to the priesthood. An open house will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, June 5.

Area Council and Committee Reports: There were no area committee meetings in February due to the weather.

Finance Reports: We reviewed the finance reports for January. We have not received the invoice from New Life yet. We are doing well year-to-date.

Information Items: We reviewed the Holy Week / Easter schedule.

Discussion Items

1. Mass schedule
 - a. Summer: The APC will make the final recommendation, but one thought is to move the Sunday Mass in the summer to 10:00 am (from its current 10:30 am)
 - b. Future: Again, this will go to the APC, but in the goal to go down to 5 Masses on a weekend, the thought is that there will be seasonal schedules. We discussed that in the winter months, OLOL could go down to one Mass, just as St. Mary has eliminated a Sunday Mass for the last few summers.
2. Bookkeeper position: Dennis, the AFC bookkeeper will be retiring at some point this summer/fall. We discussed how to go about replacing him - how much overlap is necessary, etc... This is a part-time position (about 16 hours a week), that will be advertised in the bulletin. There is benefit to having the new person in place at the end of the fiscal year for training.

3. Meeting Schedule and membership: We discussed going to quarterly meetings beginning next fiscal year. The feeling is that the current make-up of the council is good.
4. Consultation meetings: We discussed the consultation meetings that took place in Spicer and Willmar last month. There was good turnout at each meeting, and mostly favorable comments from parishioners. We also discussed the next step, which is inviting Bishop LeVoir and Tom Keaveny to meet with the St. Patrick and St. Thomas More parishioners. They will explain the options to small parishes - merge with a larger parish or close, which requires the buildings to be sold or razed.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 26 at 12 noon at Heritage Bank in Spicer.