

**Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
Parish Administrative Council**

**MINUTES
June 2, 2016**

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

We began with opening prayer. April's minutes and today's agenda were approved.

Pastor's Report: The window for victims of clergy sexual abuse to file claims against the diocese or individual parishes closed last week. We are still waiting for a final count of lawsuits against our parishes. We are pretty confident that there are none against Our Lady of the Lakes or St. Patrick.

Father Steve also talked about how as we face the closing of the parishes in Kandiyohi and Lake Lillian, it is important that we stop being worried about what parish people belong to and focus more on how we help everyone become followers of Christ – moving away from membership and toward discipleship.

AFC Council and Committee Reports: no comments on the area reports.

Financial Reports: We reviewed the AFC and parish financial reports through April. We are in a good position right now. Not reflected in the April reports is the final payment to New Life for the video projection system.

Information Items

1. Bookkeeper position – Sheila Ellingboe started this week to be trained with Dennis. She has been working at a company in Willmar that was just sold and her position eliminated. She also retired from Kandiyohi County a few years ago, so has a lot of experience.
2. Summer Mass Schedule – It begins this coming weekend. OLOL will have a 5:00 Saturday Mass and a 10:00 am Mass on Sunday morning.
3. Father Jerry's 40th anniversary open house will be on Sunday, June 5, 1-4 pm.
4. Father Steve gave an update on our Tithing Committee, which is made up of people from both St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Lakes. They meet twice a year to allocate the AFC tithing funds, and most recently met in mid-May. We appreciate their hard work and are grateful that we are able to help people out through our parishioners generosity to the Sunday collection.

Discussion/Action Items

1. AFC Budget – Due to the closing of St. Patrick and St. Thomas More, there is an impact on OLOL’s budget. Our weekly amount needed will go up 4.8% this year; however this current year’s budget was down considerably from previous years. We should be able to meet our budget, and it was approved by the council. As a precaution, Father Steve is keeping more cash in the AFC checking account in case we do need to look at readjusting the area budget if St. Mary or OLOL has difficulty meeting their assessments.
2. Parking Lot repairs – All Star Asphalt will be patching the cracks and repainting the lot. We do not have a date from them yet.