

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

**Minutes
February 6, 2017**

Present: Father Steve, Steve Maher, Sheri LaPatka, Ron Dobbs, Dave Henle, Luann Sieben, and Mary Nordstrom. **Absent:** None

We began with opening prayer and review of our December minutes and approval of today's agenda.

Pastor's Report: Father reported that Ron and Luann renewed their commitment to the parish as trustees for the next two years. Thank you.

The parish property in Kandiyohi was sold on January 6. Once we are pretty sure that all their parish bills are paid, we will bring their PAC together one final time to determine the final distribution to the cemetery account(s).

We are still waiting to close on the property in Lake Lillian. The hope is to close yet this spring.

There isn't any update on the third bell for the bell tower.

Financial Reports: We are in a good financial position – both the AFC and OLOL.

Information Items:

- The Lent and Easter schedule was shared
- We have met our DMA goal and thank parishioners for their generosity.

Discussion Items:

1. Ash Wednesday collection: The past few years we have had an Ash Wednesday collection directed to local organizations that help the needy. One year we gave to Heartland to help people with heating assistance; the next went to Heartland for their Safe Harbor's program to house the homeless in motel rooms; the last few years the collection has gone to Family Promise.

Through our Tithing program, we contribute monthly to Safe Harbors and pay for one month.

We discussed St. Mary's PAC's recommendation to distribute the collection to Heartland for heating assistance and the Willmar Food Shelf and the Link's new food pantry.

2. Update on Staffing: Diane Pyka has indicated that it is public information that she will be retiring at the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Father explained that we hope to replace Diane with someone to be responsible for adult faith formation, and not middle school faith formation which is what Diane is currently doing.
3. Leadership Retreat: We invited the PAC members to take part in the Forming Intentional Disciples retreat on Saturday, February 18. Please let Mary know by Monday, February 13 whether or not you are able to attend.