

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Administrative Council

Monday, November 27, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Father Steve Verhelst, Ron Dobbs, Steve Maher, Luann Sieben, Mary Nordstrom.

Absent: Dave Henle, Sherri Lapatka.

We began with opening prayer, and approval of the agenda.

Pastor's report: Nothing new on the diocesan bankruptcy and the lawsuits. If anyone asks you, please make sure that people are aware that all monies donated to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA) are designated for those ministries and can only be spent on those items.

The Diocese of New Ulm's bankruptcy case is third in line - behind the Archdiocese and the Diocese of Duluth. All three cases are involving the same judge, most of the same attorneys, and most of the same insurance companies.

Father also gave us an update on some of Fr. Jerry's medical issues - we are grateful that as he approaches his 74th birthday (tomorrow), he continues in active ministry.

Finance reports: We looked at the October reports, and noted that we have received \$9,950 for the new screens which are reflected in the statement. We also talked about moving some money from checking to a savings account that gets just better interest.

Information items

1. Advent Fiat will be mailed out this week. This is a way to get information into the hands of members who may not be at church every week.
2. Giving Tree is up in both churches. Bags will be prepared and ready for distribution the weekend of December 16/17.
3. We looked at the Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. There will be Saturday evening Masses at each church, and then at 8:30 am at each church for the 4th Sunday of Advent. The Christmas Eve/Christmas Day schedule is the same as last year with the exception of a time change for Christmas morning in Willmar.

Discussion items

1. Retractable screens will be installed next week - December 5/6, replacing the current stationery screens. New Life will be arranging for the electrician for the installation. Ron Dobbs has contacted the pastor at the Open Door Church who is interested in purchasing the current ones. A motion was made and approved to accept their offer of \$500 for the screens. They will pick them up when New Life is here to install the new ones.
2. The outdoor sign needs to be repaired/replaced. The bricks are crumbling. We are going to talk to some people about options, whether it would be bricks, a metal sign, or whatever. We will be looking at options over the winter.
3. Bob Fader, who used to own Willmar Water and Spas (now Culligan), approached Father Steve with a product that attaches to the irrigation system and disperses chemicals to prevent future rust damage to our sidewalks, KC monument, and other buildings. The council approved this expenditure. The Cemetery Board may also look at using something like this. It will be discussed the next time they meet.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 22, 2018.