

Church of St. Patrick
Parish Administrative Council
March 20, 2014

Minutes

Members present: Fr. Steve, Jerry Barnes, Jim Strouth, Helen Hennes, Pat Burgmeier, Joan Conway and Mary Nordstrom. Joyce Wittman was absent.

We began with opening prayer and a recommitment to our Vision. Our minutes from January's meeting and the agenda were approved as printed.

Pastor's Report: Father Steve shared the Area Pastoral Council's decision for the AFC to remain a supporting congregation for Family Promise instead of a host site. We will still be called on to volunteer, provide meals, and financially support Family Promise.

He also reported on the movement of Faith Formation to the AFC budget instead of parish budgets as of July 1. This includes the movement of the directors from being parish employees to being area employees. This means that the cost will be part of the monthly AFC assessment that each parish pays.

Area Committee reports: We reviewed the printed minutes from the Area Committees.

Parish Committee / Organization Reports:

CCW: no report

Knights of Columbus: KCs are hosting the Soup/Sandwich suppers this Lent; they are going well.

Catholic United Financial: Planning on having a fellowship evening on April 5. They will be serving refreshments after Mass. They are discussing a Matching Grant basket raffle to benefit faith formation.

Cemetery committee: no report

Financial Reports: We reviewed the February financial reports.

Information/Discussion/Action Items:

A. Ham Dinner and Raffle: We sold 596 dinners, 85 take-outs, and 10 complimentary dinners for a total of 691 served.

Net income for the dinner was	\$5,329.66
Net income for the raffle was	\$4,892.00
Net income for the CCW country store was ...	\$951.25
Net income for the kids' games was	<u>\$13.25</u>
Total net income was	\$11,186.16

- B. Maintenance items: Steve Onnen and Gordy Wittman painted the social hall the week before the Ham Dinner.
- C. Jerry's second term on the council will be up this year.
- D. Bishop LeVoir's February and March articles from *The Prairie Catholic*: We discussed the Bishop's articles on pastoral planning and the Diocese's Fourth Plan for Parishes.
- Father commented that the age of priests and the number who will be retiring in the next ten years is something that concerns Bishop LeVoir.
 - The median age of active priests in the diocese is currently in the low 60's.
 - We discussed the demographics of the diocese: people moving into the Cities, migration from farming, Catholics switching to other religions, etc...
 - Father posed the question, "What is the purpose of the Church of St. Patrick in Kandiyohi, Minnesota?"
 - It's our home; our roots; feels like family
 - We joined because at the time, our kids weren't intimidated by the priest
 - You know each other
 - We used to have a more close-knit atmosphere - we are losing some of that
 - Like the 4 pm Saturday Mass - although we know we can't please everyone; some people think we should have a 7 pm Saturday Mass
 - It needs to be used as a community center to be an asset to the town
 - When I go here, I feel like I'm talking right to God; when I go to other churches, it's not the same.
 - How do we get young people to come back? Do we have to entertain them?
 - We discussed the cultural changes that are impacting men becoming priests.
 - What is the niche that we want St. Patrick's to be?
- E. Next meeting date: We are unable to meet on May 20, and have chosen to meet on May 13 at 6 pm.