

Church of St. Patrick
Parish Administrative Council
May 13, 2014

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

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

Pastor's Report: Father Steve shared information regarding Faith Formation - the proposed common curriculum and the staffing of the new directors: Barb Garding will direct Preschool - Grade 2, Erin Wendt will direct grades 3-6, Diane Pyka will direct grades 7-9, and Christine Pinto will direct grades 10-12 and Youth Ministry.

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

Parish Committee / Organization Reports:

- CCW: no report
- KC: Soup/Sandwich suppers went very well
- Catholic United Financial: They met and have decided not to have the Matching Grant basket raffle.
- Cemetery committee: no report

Financial Reports: We reviewed the April financial reports.

Information/Discussion/Action Items

A. Staffing: Father Steve discussed the Area staffing and parish staffing included in next year's proposed budget as well as staff performance issues. There were some ideas discussed that need further consideration.

B. Budgeting: Father Steve met with the trustees of all parishes in the AFC last night (with two stand-ins for trustees unable to attend) to discuss the possibility of moving to one budget with regards to the 2014-2015 budget. The trustees were supportive of the idea. This year, the thought is that major capital expenditures - which are not in the budget - would be the responsibility of the individual parish. We shared what the numbers would be for the parishes if we go with one budget. We also reviewed St. Patrick's proposed budget - which is primarily a breakdown of our income sources since there is only one expense line item. The members in attendance were in favor of the one budget proposal.

C. Maintenance: The concrete pads under the downspouts are broken. The furnace exhaust pipe on the rectory needs to be repaired - Jim will contact Magnuson. Helen will use the blower to clean the leaves from around the air conditioner. Jim will call someone to check out the units before the beginning of the cooling season.

D. Bishop LeVoir's April article: Father Steve discussed that the PAC members should read the May article which discusses the projection for priests. He also indicated that our best way to build community is to make sure that we are extending extreme hospitality to everyone visiting our worship sites.

E. Money Counters: We need more money counters. Mary will send forms to Bev Egge. Also, we think that as long as employees are not counting together, we can allow them to count. This would allow Diane and Sharon to count. Mary will communicate this to them. Also, it is an option to count the collection on a Monday or Tuesday if this would work better for some volunteers.

Our next meeting will be the gathering of all committees and councils on **Tuesday, September 9** at the Church of St. Mary. More information will be sent in August regarding this.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nordstrom