

Church of St. Thomas More
Parish Administrative Council
June 10, 2014
MINUTES

Members Present: Father Steve, Barb Stahl, Jo Malvin, Pam Lundstrum, Jim Wittman, Mary Jo Schmoll and Mary Nordstrom. Paul Lux was absent.

We began with opening prayer, recommitment to our AFC Vision, approval of our April 8 minutes and tonight's agenda with the addition of exterior rugs and the Carillon bell system.

Pastor's Report: Father Steve discussed the AFC staffing for the next fiscal year. We still have one open position - the Director of Hispanic Ministry, RCIA, and Marriage/Baptism preparation. Interviews will take place next week. All of the other Faith Formation director positions have been filled. Barb Garding will direct preschool - grade 2 for the entire AFC; Erin Wendt will direct grades 3-6, Diane Pyka will direct grades 7-9, and Christine Pinto will direct grades 10-12 as well as youth ministry.

Father also touched on the budget that will be presented later in the meeting - one budget for all expenses in the AFC. He shared information that was discussed when he met with all of the trustees to begin the discussions of the one expense budget. Mary Jo and Jim also indicated that the meeting went very well.

He also informed the council that Sharon will be spending two days per week in the office in Willmar. She has not decided yet which two days she will be in Kandiyohi.

Area Council/Committee Reports: We briefly discussed the AFC council and committee reports.

CCW: The CCW met and discussed the Fall Festival dinner. The menu will be the same as last year. We also discussed the price and think that the meal price will remain the same.

Finance Reports: We looked at the May financial reports and addressed items that are slightly skewed, such as utilities.

Staffing: Addressed above in the Pastor's report.

Budgeting: We looked at the proposal for one budget for expenses for the AFC. This budget would not include capital expenses, and all income would still remain

at the parish level. It helps in our attempt to build a sense of community and uniting our parishes. One expense budget does not guarantee that every parish will always have a Mass every Sunday. As long as we have three priests, we will; however, when Fr. Jim retires in a year, the Mass schedule will need to be evaluated. We also looked at the income requirements for the Church of St. Thomas More to meet that budget. The council recommended approving one budget for expenses.

Bishop LeVoor's Prairie Catholic article: Father Steve covered some of this when we were discussing the budgets. He hopes that as we move forward with one expense budget for the AFC, we can create our own definition of "merger." It doesn't necessarily mean that a large parish swallows up a smaller one.

Fall Festival / Raffle: The date for the festival will be Sunday, September 7. The bake sale and the menu will be the same as last year. Mary Jo is working on the raffle.

Painting of the church: Erick Eisenshenk has retired. Mary Jo will get Joy Steffel's contact information to see if she would like to bid on it. We will also contact Pat Milner and see if she is interested in bidding on painting the interior.

Roof cap: Mary will contact the roofing company again about replacing the foam in the cap.

Evergreens: We are still waiting for Mike Goldschmidt to come and remove the trees. He is hoping to get a chipper here at the same time so that the branches can be run through it.

Outdoor rugs: Barb will talk to Bob Wascha about measuring and replacing the outdoor rugs.

Boiler: We will ask Chapel Central to come and begin investigating the replacement of the boiler.

Carillon Bell system: Jody cleaned all the heads and has done as much as possible. He also thinks that the belts need to be replaced - he just needs to find a part number.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nordstrom