

**Church of St. Mary**  
**Parish Administrative Council**  
**October 28, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Father Steve, Sharrie Follmann, Sue Minnehan, Rick Conway, Dave Reed, Bob Hogan, Penny Johnson, Bill Schindele, and Mary Nordstrom. **Absent:** Kurt Schimek

We began with opening prayer and recommitment to our vision. We welcomed Bob Hogan as a new council member.

Our minutes from May 20 were approved with the note that the Administration budget was omitted. Our agenda for the evening was approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Steve pointed out that the weekend of November 9/10 will be DMA weekend. The weekend of November 23/24 is when we officially unveil the AFC Vision statement. It will be on the walls in each worship site, and we will be commissioning the people during Mass. There will be a reception after each Mass - something more than just coffee and doughnuts.

Father talked about the clergy sex abuse scandal, especially as how it affects our community since the allegations concern when Fr. Roney was serving at St. Mary's. There still is considerable pain to the victims, and we continue to pray for them.

**Area and Parish Committee reports:** Father discussed homelessness in Kandiyohi County. There are two programs being run in the county: Safe Harbors run by Heartland Community Action to provide motel rooms for temporary housing, and Family Promise, where the church facility is used as overnight facilities. Our AFC has agreed to be a "sponsor" congregation where we would partner with a host congregation.

Small Christian Communities will kick off in November.

Approximately 80 people attended yesterday's Evening Prayer of Remembrance at Our Lady of the Lakes.

The Area Bereavement Workshop took place in October and was well received.

**Finance Reports:** Father and Rick gave an overview of the financial reports primarily for Bob's benefit as a new member.

**Area Anointing Mass and Thanksgiving Dinner:** Just a reminder that this is an annual Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, with dinner following.

**Sale of Monongalia House:** Rick recommended that we take all but \$25,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the house and put in the Eagle account.

**Fall Festival:** Income of \$22,880.81 and expenses of \$9,408.91 for a total profit to the Parish Society of \$13,471.90. The Parish Society also gave the parish a check for \$50,000 with no strings attached.

**Bequest:** The parish will be receiving a bequest in the near future. There was discussion on what to do with this donation. The recommendation was that it go into the Foundation.

**Crucifix:** There have been discussions about a new crucifix in our sanctuary and possibly continuing the stone wall up higher. We agree that a new crucifix more size-appropriate for our worship space would be beneficial. We are going to put this on the agenda for next month.

**DMA:** Our goal went down slightly for the next year. Our project for any excess will be to replace the crucifix in our sanctuary.

**PAC Purpose Statement:** "An advisory council to the pastor to ensure that the pastoral and financial needs of the parish are being met."

**Parish Self Study:** We discussed the parish self-study reports.

**Census Discussion:** We discussed at what point young adults should move off of their parents' records. We will add this to next month's agenda.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 25 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Nordstrom.