

Church of St. Mary
Parish Administrative Council
November 24, 2014
MINUTES

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

We began with opening prayer and recommitment to our AFC vision. Our minutes from October and tonight's agenda were approved as printed.

Pastor's Report: The Area Stewardship Committee is waiting for one more person. Father is hoping that that the committee can meet during December. We would be looking at an evening meeting, probably not starting until 6 or 6:30. St. Mary's Foundation received a substantial gift from Buck Juba's estate. We will receive an update during the Investment Sub-Committee report.

Information Items

1. Temporary Area Mass Schedule and Consultation Meetings - The APC reviewed two options that were presented by Fr. Steve and Fr. Jerry. Option 1 was to retain eight Masses each weekend and change the start times on Sunday morning in Willmar to 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 in Spanish. Option 2 was to eliminate the Saturday evening Mass in Kandiyohi and have Kandiyohi and Lake Lillian alternate Sunday morning Masses each week. After much discussion and prayer, we will change the start times at St. Mary's in Willmar effective January 4, 2015. We will then hold the parishioner consultation meetings in February to discuss the best long-term solutions.
2. Discipleship Retreat 1/24/2015 - This council is one of the ones we are hoping to have attend the retreat. Members are encouraged to put it on their calendars.
3. Investment Sub-committee Report - With the gift from the Buck Juba and Bob Marciniak estates, the Foundation now has a balance of over \$1,000,000. The sub-committee also gave an update on their meeting with Aimee from Bremer.
4. Convection Ovens - The Parish Society is in the process of researching and replacing the convection ovens in the Parish Center kitchen. They will be using their proceeds from the Fall Festival.
5. Foundation Gala - Friday, January 30, 2015 - The theme has not been finalized at this time.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Presentation from Bethesda Properties - Brad Rice and Michelle Haefner from Bethesda made a presentation to the Council regarding Bethesda's capital campaign. They are undergoing an 18-month, \$24M project to replace the Bethesda Heritage building. Their presentation had two purposes: 1) increase our awareness of Bethesda and its importance in the community, and 2) request financial contributions from churches in the community. Bethesda started 118 years ago as a children's orphanage and with over 400 employees is Willmar's 3rd largest employer.

As a council, we discussed making a gift to their capital campaign. It was felt that this type of donation would fall under the Tithing Committee. The council would appreciate a way to donate to Bethesda's new chapel, but don't want to tie the hands of the Tithing Committee.

2. Continued discussion regarding key volunteers - tabled
3. Family Promise Kandiyohi County funding request - FPKC is beginning a fund-raising effort in order to be able to begin their efforts in housing homeless families in Kandiyohi County. One suggestion was to use our Ash Wednesday collection as we did last year when we gave to Heartland's Safe Harbors.
4. Staff Christmas gifts - In the future this would be the responsibility of the Area Stewardship Committee. In their absence, Father Steve is asking for the council's opinion. The council approved this request.
5. Application requests for fundraising - There were no requests this month. There was discussion about the Daughters of Isabella bake sale in the Gathering Area this past weekend. There was no application request for this because they generally use the Gallery and not the Gathering Area. Due to a funeral on Saturday, Liturgy of the Word on Sunday morning and an Eagle Scout banquet on Sunday afternoon, it was easier for the set-up of rooms for the bake sale to take place in the Gathering Area.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 26, 2015. Council members are encouraged to attend the Discipleship Retreat on Saturday, January 24, 2015.