

**Church of St. Mary
Parish Administrative Council**

**MINUTES
February 22, 2016**

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

We began with opening prayer and approval of our minutes and today's agenda.

Pastor's Report

-) New lights have been installed in the classrooms around the Parish Hall. They are canned lights with dimmers to allow us to be better able to adjust the lights. Lights (without dimmers) are also being installed in the hallways.
-) There is nothing new in regards to litigation; they are still notices of claims, not filed as lawsuits. Bishop LeVoir continues to meet with the victims.

Area Pastoral Council and Committee Reports: There was brief discussion regarding the APC/Staff meeting that was held on Saturday. It was a good opportunity for the two groups to meet and identify common goals for our future.

Financial Reports: We reviewed the January financial reports. Things are looking good through January.

Information Items: We reviewed the Holy Week / Easter schedule of liturgies.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Mass schedule
 - a. Summer – the APC will make final recommendation, but most likely St. Mary's will go to one Sunday Mass in English again this summer, probably at 9:30 am, and keep Saturday evening at 4:30. This may result in some overlap with wedding guests, but since there aren't a lot of weddings, we can work around it.
 - b. Future – we will go down to possibly one English Mass on Sunday mornings with a bilingual one.
2. Bookkeeper position – Dennis has informed us that he will be retiring, and wants to be done no later than October. We would like to hire his

replacement and have time for overlap. Do we feel it is best to hire someone now or wait until fall? The council recommended we should proceed now.

3. Meeting schedule and membership:
 - a. Father Steve suggested that beginning in July, the PAC would not need to meet each month. How often does the group feel it needs to meet? Quarterly.
 - b. Membership – Realizing that many of the current members have been on the PAC for a long time, Father Steve wanted to make sure everyone knows that they aren't committed for a life sentence. ***If any member desires to end their membership, please let Fr. Steve or Mary know by our April meeting.*** We also discussed the need to add one or two members to the council.
4. Consultation meetings:
 - a. We had good attendance at OLOL's and St. Mary's consultation meetings. The discussions were good with regards to the current vitality of each parish. Father Steve's comments at the beginning helped people realize that things will need to change as we move forward. There was good discussion about the future.
 - b. Bishop LeVoir will be coming to St. Patrick on March 29 to meet with the members of St. Patrick and St. Thomas More to explain the current diocesan situation and what it means to merge or close.
5. Fundraising requests: none this month.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 25 at 12 noon.