

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

**MINUTES
May 23, 2016**

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

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

Pastor's Report

-) Father Steve reported that we will know on Thursday if more lawsuits have been filed against parishes in our area faith community regarding clergy sexual abuse of minors. We continue to pray for healing for the victims.
-) Father discussed the three pastoral initiatives that the APC and area staff are working on:
 - o Recruitment and retention of lay ministers
 - o Leadership development
 - o Support of the parishioners of the Churches of St. Patrick and St. Thomas More as their parishes close

These are not short-term initiatives. It is hoped that by next Spring, some recommendations will be made to the APC regarding the first two areas.

We need to move from "membership" to "discipleship." Our relationship with God shouldn't be the same as membership in a country club. We need to look at better ways to minister.

Area Pastoral Council and Committee Reports: We briefly discussed the APC and area committee reports.

Financial Reports: We reviewed the April financial reports.

Information Items:

-) Update on the Columbarium project – Nathan Streed gave an update on the columbarium project and gave each of us a copy of the brochure. There are 96 total niches. The proceeds (from sales of niches and engraving) will go into the cemetery fund. Nathan will get us an estimate on a granite canopy.
-) Nathan Streed has agreed to serve on St. Mary's PAC beginning this fall.

-) Bookkeeper position – Sheila Ellingboe has accepted the position of part-time bookkeeper and will work with Dennis for training.
-) Summer Mass schedule – Beginning the first Sunday in June, St. Mary’s weekend schedule will be Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am in English and 11:00 am in Spanish.
-) Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery at 8:15 am on Monday, May 30.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Budget – The budget for 2016-2017 was approved.
2. Implications for the Church of St. Mary with the closing of St. Patrick and St. Thomas More
 - a. Both parishes chose to have their sacramental records transferred to the Church of St. Mary.
 - b. The cemetery at the Church of St .Patrick will now be the responsibility of the Church of St. Mary. They have a group of volunteers who currently do the maintenance.
3. Parking lot repairs – The council approved the bid by All Star Asphalt to fix the parking lot cracks and restripe the lot.
4. Fundraising Request Application – We approved the Relay for Life fundraising request.
5. Fr. Jerry gift – The council authorized Fr. Steve to determine an amount for a gift for Fr. Jerry’s 40th anniversary.