

Church of St. Mary
Parish Administrative Council
MINUTES
November 28, 2016

Present: Father Steve, Penny Johnson, Bill Schindele, Bob Hogan, Kurt Schimek, Dave Reed, Sue Minnehan, Rick Conway, Nathan Streed, and Mary Nordstrom.

Absent: None.

We began our meeting with opening prayer and approval of September's minutes.

Pastor's Report

- There will be a meeting of all pastors who have sexual abuse lawsuits. Right now, Father Steve doesn't have any additional information. The diocesan attorneys and the Bishop are still in negotiations with the victims and their attorneys.
- We are still in the process of selling the properties in Lake Lillian and Kandiyohi. There is an accepted offer for the property in Lake Lillian, but there are no records on who owns what was a public street south of the church. Because of this, the buyers are working with their lenders to see if we can close if the legal costs for this are put in escrow. There is one offer for the property in Kandiyohi, but it is lower than what the council is hoping to get.

Area & Parish Committee Reports

- We briefly discussed the Area Pastoral Council minutes from November 17. Turkey Bingo brought together over 300 people of all demographics for an evening of games. We will look for more items to offer that will bring families together.

Finance Reports

- Both the AFC and St. Mary's financial positions through October are strong.
- Father reported that he did transfer money from the Foundation Fund to the Foundation Investments.
- The AFC \$5000 from the Tithing Fund to supplement what Catholic Charities sent to help local residents after the summer flooding.

Information Items

1. Foundation Fund Investment Report

- a. The investment subcommittee shared information from their meeting. Some money was transferred from Bond funds to Equity funds.
 - b. We also discussed the Foundation Fund annuity and reviewing the actual paperwork on the annuitant and beneficiary.
2. Infant section of the cemetery
 - a. Nathan gave an update on the landscaping project at the cemetery. The total cost was approximately \$13,500. The funds for this came from St. Mary's memorial fund. The project was completed this fall; if there is any settling next spring, it will be addressed.
3. Communal Penance Service – 12/18/2016, 3:30 pm
4. Christmas Mass schedule – information was given
5. DMA goal was shared.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Parish Society request
 - a. The Parish Society was asking what items the PAC would suggest they could help pay for. One item discussed was the replating of the communion vessels that will cost close to \$3,000. We discussed some items such as carpeting the Gathering Space and cemetery needs.
2. Staff Christmas gifts
 - a. We discussed the Christmas gifts for staff. The council moved that we increase the amount by \$50.00
3. Boy Scout fundraising request for a breakfast on Scout Sunday was approved.
4. Stations of the Cross – the PAC will lead the Stations on Thursday, March 16, and serve the Soup Supper afterwards.
5. Cemetery lot prices – effective January 1, 2017, all lots in the cemetery will be \$450.