

**St. Michael's Parish**  
**Administrative Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Pat Wildt, Ed Steffl, Fr. Sam Perez, Judy Walter, Jack Carlson, Myron Mathiowetz, Joel Heiling, Ed Walter, Fr. Tanner Thooft, Matt Grausam, Peggy Zimmer, Sam Rosemeier, Tiffany Hoffmann; Guests: Tom Green, Denise Kalkhoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and began with prayer. Addition to the agenda - church steps. Addressed #7, Hecate Energy, on the agenda first to accommodate a guest.

1. Hecate Energy- requesting to construct a solar power system on Redwood County land owned by St. Michael's. Would require a 20-year commitment. Green family donated land to church many years ago - does not believe solar power was the intent for the land by initial donor. Discussed concerns of abandonment of the land after 20-year contract with Hecate would expire. Green family has a 3-year renewable contract to rent/farm the land. Council was not interested in pursuing any further. Fr. Steffl will contact Hecate Energy.
2. Financials - Matt reviewed financials-ended ahead of budget but total offertory was down.
3. Facility needs/maintenance - area under main steps in front of church is deteriorating. Breezeway floor is still needing repairs as well as church steps on East side of the building. Fr. Steffl discussed repairs needed with Mike Suess-working on a plan. Fr. Steffl will have Mike order a precast set of steps for East side to install in spring.
4. Religious Educations/Catecheses updates - September 6th is first night of classes. All teaching/facilitator positions have been filled. Grades 3-6 have new curriculum, "Word of Life" which includes digital and online resources as well as parent, student, and teacher portals. Thank you to Bob G. for assisting with the installation of new technology equipment. Conflict with Cedar Mountain school activities for religious ed classes Sept 20th. First Confirmation meeting will be Sept. 20th.
5. Eucharistic Revival - AFC holy hours are well attended. Fr. Steffl is planning for a speaker during Advent and Lent to speak on the Eucharist. Added reflection time after communion for weekend Masses. Request to return to receiving communion at the communion rail was made. Fr. Sam would like 4 parishioners to assist with distributing Holy Communion to the back of the church during weekend Mass. An AFC adult faith formation class will be offered during Lent.
6. CPAC - CPAC will be renting school for event on February 24th. Rental fee will remain at \$800. Pat W will contact CPAC to schedule date for gym/cafeteria painting.
7. Society updates - KC auction was successful. Planning a Trick or Treat event for kids with other societies. CCW will distribute books related to the Eucharistic Revival for Advent and Lent. Sunday AFC holy hour in October will include a short video on the Eucharist.
8. Other/AFC updates - Mass time was moved to 8:00 in July - attendance is down, but may be due to summer. Additional Mass servers are needed.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Hoffmann