

**St. Michael's Parish**  
**Administrative Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and began with prayer. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Additional item added to the agenda - tables/chairs in the social hall.

1. Farm Land Rental - Tom Green proposed another 3-year contract at \$250/acre. Motion was made and approved to accept the contract.
2. Financials - Matt reviewed financials, approx. \$8000 above budget and approx. \$8000 ahead of last year at this time for Sunday collections. Christmas collection was significantly more than last year. Noted that donations from non-parish members help the budget. Investments have gained. Sausage Dinner was up \$2500 from last year. The diocese is implementing a new accounting system July 1.
3. Facility needs/maintenance - New mats in the breezeway are temporary fix for flooring issues that need to be resolved. Chappell Central will be working on split heat pump maintenance. Steps on the east side of church will be replaced this year. Tables and chairs in social hall can remain up - volunteers will put chairs on tables after funerals/events to assist with floor cleaning.
4. Religious Educations/Catecheses updates - sam reported on some behavior issues with older students in religious ed program. Steps are being taken to correct the issues. Religious ed has pro-life night Feb 3, vocations awareness Feb 10. Students will attend Ash Wednesday evening Mass. Puffins fundraiser coming up in spring instead of fall as in the past. AFC First Confession was Jan 21 in Sleepy Eye, four St. Michael's students participated. AFC Confirmation retreat was Jan 17 in Sleepy Eye - one St. Michael's student attended. Two students will attend COR Night in place of retreat. Positive feedback was received on the retreat put on by a NET Team.
5. Eucharistic Revival - Book *The Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle* will be given out during Lent. KCs will also be giving out a Lenten devotional book. Adult ed class on Jesus & the Eucharist is meeting on Sundays after Mass.
6. CPAC - Event is Feb 26. Cafeteria was painted in January. CPAC will be using social room dishes for the event.
7. Lent/Holy Week - Insert in bulletin with AFC schedules for Lent and Holy Week. Friday Mass and Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM and additional confessions time added Saturdays at 8:30 AM during Lent. Easter Vigil Masses at St. Mary's & St. Michael's only.
8. Society updates - KC Fish Fry Feb 16 and Mar 22 -sit down and drive thru both will be available. KCs received Star Council recognition for the previous fiscal year. CCW- funeral luncheons going well with catered food. CUF - Rummage sale and luncheon Mar 15-16
9. Other/AFC updates - St. Michael's and St. Joseph's offered cemetery plot information and sales Jan 21 after Mass, had a positive response with 4-5 plots sold. Fr. Steffl addressed St. Michael's obligation to provide for spiritual needs for parishioners and non-parishioners alike and encouraged all to lead with a generous spirit.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 16th th at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Hoffmann