

**Finance Council Minutes 10-28-14** The meeting was called to order by Chair Rachel Berdo at 5:26 pm. Members present were: Rachel Berdo, Carl Berst, Dennis Drish, Fr. Bernie Weir, Bob Redlinger, Heidi Vittetoe and Terry Engelken. Mary Ward, Joe Harvey, and Chet Wisniewski were also present.

Carl opened with a story about nature. The September 30, 2014 minutes were approved with corrections.

The Business Managers report was discussed with much detail. Mary informed the Council that several bill will not be paid since they appear to be bogus (one was for termite control).

The financial reports were reviewed. Carl moved and Bob seconded to approve the reports. Motion passed. The investment provided by Chris was reviewed.

Father Bernie presented the Pastor's Report. He is painting two rooms in the rectory and putting curtains in the bedroom. He informed us that we need to rekey some of the locks to the offices in the school as well as some of the locks for the Church and offices. The Council was in favor of this. Also, Fr. wants to have a live person answer the phone rather than have it answered by the auto attendant giving directions to various options. Rachel and Heidi will help look at the options on the current phone system to see what choices are available. The fence for the rectory back yard has been completed.

Joe and Chet gave the school report. Joe reported they are working on an extended budget beyond the next year. Chet informed the council that he need walkie-talkies for fire and tornado drills and if there was a disaster. This is due to having students exiting different doors. He estimated they would cost \$700 to \$800 each and they would need 5 of them. Some on the Council asked if this was really necessary with all the cell phones people have. Another question was if there were less expensive yet reliable alternatives available. Chet was directed to get some actual costs for us. There is a Diocesan meeting for Catholic Schools on November 16, 2014. St. James School has submitted several grant requests to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. Mikaela Peterson assisted with writing the grants.

Fr. Bernie informed us that he is on the Diocesan Board of Education.

The next meeting will be November 25, 2014 at 5:20 p.m. Bob will lead the prayer.

Carl moved and Dennis seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Carl ended the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by:

Terry Engelken, Secretary

