

Finance Council Minutes 9-24-13

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Drish at 5:30 pm. Members present were: Fr. Troy, Rachel Berdo, Dennis Drish, Carl Berst, Bob Redlinger, and Terry Engelken. Mary Ward and Chet Wisniewski were also present.

Fr. Troy began the meeting with a prayer. The August 27, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

The Business Managers report was reviewed. Mary reported the utility bill was higher due to cooling the church. The transfer from the Parish to the school was discussed. Rachel moved and Carl seconded to approve doing a single transfer at the fiscal year end (June 30) to the school. Motion passed. The financial reports were reviewed and discussed in detail. Carl moved and Rachel seconded to approve the 8-31-13 financial reports. Motion passed.

The Investment and Building Project Reports were reviewed.

Father reported the ADA Campaign begins this weekend. Our goal this year has been lowered to \$33,800 or about \$5,000 less than last year.

St. James School Principal Chet Wisniewski gave the school report. He informed us the school received \$762.62 from the Target Red Dot Program (from the Target Debit Card). Also, they received a \$1,000 check from HyVee for presenting \$150,000 in HyVee receipts. Sonja Love-Smith is tabulating the receipts. The school is applying for a Riverboat Foundation Grant for 30 Mac Computers. Earthly Blessings is providing a match of \$6,500 for the project. Teresa Beenblossom is writing the grant. The Diocese did their facility inspection and the school had just a few minor items to correct. Chet reported that STO amount to St. James was \$37,000 this year

Dennis reported that the renovation is going well. The demolition has been completed. Work on the floor will be starting soon. The Diocese inspector said there is an area on the roof and gutter of the church that needs to be repaired.

We discussed having a joint meeting with the school board to discuss finances. It was reported that teacher salaries amount to \$3,855 per student. St. James student tuition is the 2nd lowest in the Diocese. October 16th was suggested as a possible date for the meeting.

There will be a Stewardship Day sponsored by the Diocese and the Cunneen Company on October 12, 2013. We discussed the Parish Stewardship Meeting on October 29, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. All Parish Leadership groups are encouraged to attend.

Mary will let us know about the joint meeting with the school board and possibly meeting Oct. 16. With this possibility we did not set a time for our next meeting. We did move the January meeting from 1-28-14 to 2-4-14.

We then elected officers for 2013-2014. Terry moved and Carl seconded to elect Dennis as Chairman. Motion passed. Terry moved and Carl seconded to elect Rachel as Vice-Chair. Motion Passed. Carl moved and Bob seconded to elect Terry as Secretary. Motion passed.

Terry moved and Rachel seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

We concluded with a prayer.

Submitted by:

Terry Engelken,

Secretary