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ST PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MEETING

FINANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE AT ST. PAUL'S APRIL 18, 2016

**Present :** Fr. Ralph, Jerry Sutkiewicz, Roger Varner, Jim Dunlap, Doug Batzler, Sherri Meyer, Fr. Chuck, Tammy Lindner, John Morgen, Dan Zehnpfennig

**Excused :**

**Guest :** Rita Borowski

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1. Agenda was reviewed. No additions or changes.

2. Approval of minutes. Approved, no changes.

3. Finance Council Terms – discussion

The discussion was about the end of the “at-large” members that are appointed by the pastor. We have 1 position that still needs to be refilled, and Jerry and Doug end their term June 30, 2016. The discussion was tabled until both priests were in attendance at our meeting.

Once Fr. Ralph and Fr. Chuck were present, we discussed how the current terms are handled and what changes should be implemented.

The current “norms” say that the term will be for 2 years, and limited to 2 terms.

We will table this discussion, and possibly change the length of the term, until next month’s meeting.

In addition, at last weekend’s Masses, where parishioners were asked to nominate people for both pastoral council and finance council, Fr. Ralph said that he received 30+ names for Finance Council positions.

4. Mass times follow-up discussion : Decide on action plan on how to monitor the numbers over the next 6 months

There was discussion on what is already collected (attendance is written down in a binder) for each Mass. It was suggested that an Excel Spreadsheet be created that would track the attendance and donations for the short term, and include 2015 numbers for the same items. The Parish Office was tasked with this job.

5. Budget presentation to Pastoral Council : When/Who ?

Pastoral Council meeting is next Tuesday, April 26.

Sherri will put together a summary budget sheet that will be presented by Jim and John.

The summary will also include some major bullet points, like – decline in stewardship, salary of new school principal, to name a few.

Also, the form to accompany the budget to the Archdiocese had to have a number of Finance Council signatures.

**6. Fundraising renewals for 2017**

Faith Formation spaghetti dinner in November – approved  
Youth Ministry mission trip “shares” May, 2017 -- approved

**7A. Financial Highlights for Mar., 2016 :**

Snow Plowing	\$2,590	HVAC filters	\$349
½ year Archdiocese Assessment		\$22,276	
Dec-Apr Medical/Dental; for gym teacher (split with another parish)			\$1,613

**7B. Mortgage Balance :** 1.) \$1,300,000(original note)current balance - \$1,264,954  
[ 7 payments made out of 7 budgeted for this fiscal year ]  
2.) \$732,935(original note) current balance - \$595,935

**8. Old business : Parking lots -- how to proceed with funds of 20K minimum needed**

There as discussion on all the options covering all the parking lots. The minimum work that should be done is crack filling, sealing, striping, and crack routing, for the school lot, Hwy 83 lot, and the circulation areas. This would come to about \$22,000.

At present, there is no money available from the Buildings and Grounds account. One thought was to borrow from our “line of credit”, which currently has a zero value.

It was asked to get more firm bids on the project, from a number of vendors, and we will revisit this at next month’s meeting.

**9. Open Topic :**

Fr. Ralph received a list of over 30 nominees for Finance Council from last weekend’s Mass nomination forms. He has asked for input on the names submitted. Sherri will scan the list and email it to all FC members. We are to suggest 3-5 names to Fr. Ralph from that list.

Fr. Ralph also mentioned that St. Bruno’s will go along with splitting the cost of the Faith Formation employee’s salary and benefits, 50/50, but would like this topic revisited at next fiscal year budgeting.

Sherri brought up that we need to think about getting a replacement or a service, to do the “IT” work that Dick Stevens currently does.

After some discussion, Sherri was ask to provide a list of the number of users, systems, and the like, so that FC members can give this some thought and discuss at next month’s meeting.

Respectfully submitted : Doug Batzler

Next scheduled meeting : Mon. May 16, 6:30PM, at St. Bruno’s