

## Finance Council Minutes

St. Cecilia Parish--Finance Council Meeting Minutes for Tues, Aug. 19, 2014

In Attendance:

Father Jim Secora	Frank Oppold - Planned Giving
Joel Thilges - Vice Chair	Char Van Kerckvoorde - Parish Business Mgr.
Diana Weber - Secretary	Ric Nelson - Pastoral Council Representative
Johna Clancy - Finance Council Member	Jason Mortimer - Catholic School Board Rep.
Tom Donner - Finance Council Member	

Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm.

Char led us in prayer.

Review and approve minutes - July meeting was an informal gathering at Wallaby's.

Old Business:

a. Finance Council members for next year. Tom Donner accepted the 1 yr. term vacated by Mark Hanson. Janet Brimeyer has accepted the 3 yr. term position.

b. Operational Endowment Fund concept has been approved by the Pastoral Council. Pastoral Council has asked that the Fund be renamed. Joel asked Frank and his committee to brainstorm with this task. Joel will help Frank and committee.

c. A joint meeting of the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee has to be set up to decide on how to disperse the funds that the church has received from a large bequest. Right now the money is being held in our account at the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We also need to develop a plan for any future bequests, large or small.

d. A meeting was held on Tues. morning, Aug. 19 with Fr. Secora, Char, Dan Konrady, Jon Weber, and Mr. Miller to discuss the temporary structure that needs to be built to protect the Christian Peterson Statues. Fr. Secora discussed what was talked about and Char distributed a proposal from JJ Remodeling & Construction LLC with the cost of winterizing and repairs. Mr. Miller said they "can't be left uncovered". The base structure has to be repaired first before winterizing of the entire structure and statues will take place in late November, weather dependent. The winterizing materials will be removed in spring. The next step is, as recommended by Mr. Miller, is to stop further deterioration of the statues by crating and moving of the statues indoors. Mr. Miller would be willing to oversee this process. Then a permanent inside location needs to be found for these statues. The Finance Council approved the proposal by consensus. This project will now be handled by the Facilities Committee.

## New Business

a. Char handed out a copy of the 2014 Stewardship Report to each member. This report has been mailed to all parishioners. This annual report has been presented in a very professional and colorful manner. It looks nice and can be easily read. A presentation of this report will be given at all masses the weekend of Aug. 23 & 24. Frank will do the 5 pm mass, Mark 8 :30 am mass, and Ric the 10:30 am mass. Johna will give a presentation at the Youth Retreat also this weekend.

b. Char gave a report on the status of our Tuition Assistance account. She handed out a spreadsheet listing the requests from 11 families. Discussion followed with final approval given for each family with the suggested amount. Also Joel voiced a need to probably go back to giving an annual appeal from the pulpit for the Tuition Assistance Fund. This year Fr. Secora wrote a letter for an appeal. Fr. and Mr. Rowlands signed the letter that was distributed to the parish. We did approve to overdraw the Tuition Assistance account to help these families.

c. Fr. added an agenda item. A request from Deacon Alan for a parish gift to Christian Education Weekend (CEW) of \$300. It was approved.

## Reports

a. Financial - Char explained the financial sheets to the committee especially for new members. Not much activity in July. Diana brought up a concern about lack of ushers on one weekend. Johna was going to check with Bob.

b. Facilities - meeting tomorrow.

c. Parish Council - no report

d. Planned Giving - Frank reported that the committee hasn't met over the summer and will start meeting.

e. Technology - Char said that the committee met 2 weeks ago. They have been looking at different software and have been given a software website to play with. They will keep us informed.

f. Faith Formation - no report

g. Catholic School - Jason said that the school had 173 students enrolled.

## Other Business

a. Fr. discussed an issue that the audit identified. A Hispanic Ministry account that Deacon John McCully and Deacon Allen Christy were overseeing needs to be brought under the umbrella of the church.

Closing Prayer - Glory Be

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.