

Finance Council

St. Cecilia Parish-Finance Council Meeting Minutes for Tues. November 17, 2015

In Attendance:

Fr. Jim Secora	Char VanKerckvoorde-Bus. Manager
Mark Moore-Chairman	Kathy Ramirez-Parish Council
Diana Weber-Secretary	Diana Shonrock-Catholic Schools
Janet Brimeyer-Finance Council Member(7:40pm)	

Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm.

- 1) Mark led the group praying the Parish Stewardship Prayer. Reflection and discussion followed from Part II, Jesus' Way. At our Dec. meeting we will discuss Part III, Living As A Steward, pp. 25-30.
- 2) Minutes from the Oct. 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted once Janet arrived at the meeting.

3) Old Business

- a. Member vacancy-Finance Council is still looking for another female member. Mark has contacted 3 people and is waiting for a response. We all were asked to try and think of more names of people for him to contact.
- b. Confirmation Cost & Fees-Mark and Char met with Anna to discuss Faith Formation fees. There is a \$100 Faith Formation fee for all 6-12 grade youth. There is also a \$100 Confirmation Retreat fee. Students are not required to attend the retreat but encouraged to attend. Also the fee is not required but everyone is encouraged to pay the \$100. This is just a portion of the actual cost of the retreat and the parish picks up the rest of the expense. Also when fundraisers take place, the youth that needed help with the fees are requested to work at the fundraiser. Anna does track the youth that work fundraisers. If any student becomes a youth leader, they do not have to pay the \$100 Faith Formation fee but are encouraged to attend the retreat and pay the retreat fee. Finance Council does want the youth in our parish to be involved with all the activities that are available to them.
- c. Other Old Business-Mark mentioned that this Thurs, Nov. 19 there will be a meeting of the Special Facilities Committee.

4) New Business

- a. Social Concerns-Sister Parish-Fr. read a request from Mary Ross of the Social Concerns committee asking Parish Council to Adopt a Glen Mary Missionary parish from the Appalachian area. The actual parish would be Holy Family Parish located in Lafayette, Tennessee. The request stipulates that if St. Cecilia adopts this parish, St. Cecilia would be responsible for a \$2,400 per year fee. Social Concerns will present this request to the Parish Council and ask them to have

this fee as a line item in the Parish budget not Social Concerns to show that it is a Parish project. Much discussion followed about setting up a Budget line item, or utilizing the funds Social Concerns committee has to fund this project. Fr. also noted that if the Parish Council approves this request, a committee would have to be formed to take ownership of this project so that all aspects of the contract that St. Cecilia signs is fulfilled.

5) Reports

- a. Financial-Char answered questions about the budget. She also explained the Cash line item-Savings Jewell. This money came from the sale of that property. It will stay as a line item until the Parish Council or a recommendation from the Finance Council to the Parish Council would decide to do something with this money.
- b. Facilities-Facilities committee meets Wed., Nov. 18 and Char did not have anything new. The power factor equipment is here but not installed yet.
- c. Parish Council-Kathy had nothing new to report.
- d. Planned Giving-Frank was not present.
- e. Technology-Still working on the new website.
- f. Faith Formation-Fr. commented on the St. Cecilia feast day celebration. Walking taco and Sunday evening meals were very well attended.
- g. Catholic School-Diana S. reminded the council about the 5th grade sponsored breakfast on Sunday and encouraged participation.

6) Closing and adjournment @ 8:30pm. Submitted by Diana Weber