

Finance Council

St. Cecilia Parish - Finance Council Meeting Minutes for Thurs. Sept. 10, 2015

In Attendance:

Fr. Jim Secora

Char VanKerckvoorde - Bus. Manager

Mark Moore - Chairman

Tricia Lenz - Catholic Schools Rep.

Diana Weber - Secretary

Joel Thilges - Vice Chr. (7:45pm)

Tom Donner - Finance Council Member

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

1) Mark led the group praying the Parish Stewardship Prayer. Reflection and discussion followed of the Introduction of the pastoral letter "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response". At our October meeting we will discuss Part 1, The Call, pp 13-17.

2) Minutes from the August 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3) Old Business

b) Tuition Assistance Accounts were reviewed. The school tuition assistance account has a balance of \$10,340 as of August. Faith Formation tuition assistance account has a negative balance. Because of this situation, the Finance Council approved the transfer of some unrestricted memorial funds to cover Faith Formation tuition assistance.

4) New Business

b) Tuition Assistance Requests: Char presented requests from 5 families for school tuition assistance for a total request of \$6580. Finance Council approved all 5 family's requests. Char then presented requests from 3 families for faith formation tuition assistance for a total request of \$250. Finance Council approved all 3 family's requests.

c) Other New Business: Discussion followed about Confirmation. Some families are concerned about the cost. We discussed maybe setting up Confirmation scholarships. Char will talk with Anna.

5) Reports

b) Financial - Char will have the financials for August finalized by early next week.

e) Planned Giving - Frank sent Mark a written report. Frank met with St. Thomas's new Development Director Joe Leisz. They discussed how the 2 parishes might be able to help each other with ideas and maybe joint seminars to promote planned giving. He also added a thought to consider going forward, when or if St. Cecilia's should consider having a Development Director on paid staff. Fr. said maybe a Stewardship Director that could tie Stewardship and Planned Giving all together.

h) Catholic School - Tricia reported that one of the teachers will receive a pay increase due to the courses she completed this past summer. Also the school is looking to hire a 5th grade teacher. The 5th grade teacher resigned last week to take a Middle School position with the Ames Community School District.

Closing prayer and adjournment @ 7:55pm.