

Finance Council Minutes

St. Cecilia Parish - Finance Council Meeting Minutes for Tues., April 21, 2015

In Attendance:

Father Jim Secora

Mark Moore - Chairman

Joel Thilges - Vice Chairman

Diana Weber - Secretary

Janet Brimeyer - Finance Council Member

Tom Donner - Finance Council Member

Char VanKerckvoorde, Bus. Manager

Tricia Lenz - Catholic Schools Rep.

Frank Oppold - Planned Giving

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

1. Mark led the group in prayer.
2. March Finance Council minutes were approved.

3. Old Business:

- a. St. Cecilia Ministry Endowment Fund-Mark passed out a sheet pointing out some of the reasons to invest with the Archdiocese or invest locally. Also reasons to not invest with the Archdiocese or not to invest locally. Discussion followed about each option and how much TAXA we would have to pay if we kept the money local. Char handed out the information about the Archdiocese of Dubuque TAXA Formula. Also the difference in the amount of interest the funds would receive. After a long discussion about all the funds, Frank volunteered to send out a report to each of us clarifying the difference between the many funds that the Archdiocese has to offer and their activity for 1yr, 3 yrs, 5yrs, and 10 yrs. He also will get the activity of the funds we currently have investments with First National Bank and First American Bank.
- b. Tuition Assistant Faith Formation - 2 families requested tuition assistance and the Council approved both.
- c. No other old business.

4. New Business:

- a. Monetary Thank You for a Custodian Staff Person - After much discussion, a motion was made to give Jeremy \$100 per month retroactive from the time of Don's accident for the extra duties that he is doing for Don's custodial position until Don returns or a new custodian gets hired. This motion was seconded and all Council members were in approval.
- b. Rental of Space for ACPC - ACPC wants to rent space and storage space to run a "before and after school child care program" in place of our OWLS program. OWLS program will be discontinued for 2015-2016 SY because of new regulations imposed on wrap around care programs. At the present time ACPC pays the Ames School District \$300 - \$500 per building for a similar program. It was noted that this would be a desired service to retain for our school families.

The Finance Council indicated that Mr. Rowlands should pursue this endeavor along with the Catholic School Board.

- c. Trees - Facilities Committee recommends that the Ash trees on St. Cecilia's property get treated for the ash bore. Char had one bid and was requesting more because the treatment cost varies greatly between the tree company's in the Ames area.
- d. No other new business.

5. Reports:

- a. Financial - Char provided us with a March 2015 Narrative Revenue & Expenses which is great. Char answered questions about various accounts. Most concern focused on Youth Ministry income and expenses. We had questions on not staying within YM Budget. Mark will invite Anna to our next meeting.
- b. Facilities - Trees was a concern and Mark Hanson will be having another meeting in May or June concerning the survey that was completed about our facilities.
- c. Parish Council - No Report
- d. Planned Giving - Frank reported that Jeff Henderson will be working up information about Planned Giving. Frank also will be presenting these materials on Friday, May 15 at the C.A.F.E. program in the Social Hall. Also much of this information will be on St. Cecilia's new website. They are working with Scott Walker.
- e. Technology - Char reported that training is going on with the new website and any fixing that needs to be done.
- f. Faith Formation - Father has received 3 applications so far for Tom Primmer's Director of Faith Formation position. May 29 will be Tom's last day. We asked if there will be any going away party to say thank you. Char will take that back to staff.
- g. Catholic School - Tricia reported that Ms. Anderson is retiring from food service, teachers, principal, and associates are receiving a 4% increase, preschool will be in the school building next year because it is a larger group, 3rd grade will be 1 section next year, and the staff will be reduced by one.

5. Closing Prayer:

Mark asked if anyone needed prayers for loved ones. Many requested prayers for family and friends. We ended the meeting with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Adjournment @ 8:38 pm.