

St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish Finance Council
Minutes of Meeting – April 19th, 2011

Present: Joe Dunham, Bob Reid, Matt Klein, Anne Davis, Susan Genalo, Fr. Krettek

Absent: Lori Dunham

Guests: Andrew Cory & Deb Stokka (Social Hall Committee)

Opening

Meeting was opened with a prayer and discussion by Fr. Krettek

Social Hall

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the contract to use the social hall by council members and the social hall committee. Items discussed included the length of the contract written and how much marketing should be done to promote the hall. Many council members felt that the purpose of the hall should be centered on worship and any events that take away from this central point should be avoided. Moving church times and set-up in the gathering area during mass should be avoided. There was also some discussion about having a “point” person who handles all requests to rent the hall. Currently Barb is in charge of this and has a number of items on her plate. Council needs to determine if Barb is ‘okay’ with continuing to handle these requests.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – March 23rd, 2011

The February meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion: Bob Reid, Second: Matt Klein. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 2. Motion passed.

Presentation of March Financial Reports

Susan asked the Council if everyone received Peter’s financial reports via email and if anyone had any questions. There were no questions asked. Joe provided the Faith to Finish Loan Tracking spreadsheet and discussed that we are ahead of budget for the year.

Stewardship Drive

Susan had talked to Joan Bindel of the Diocese to discuss Stewardship Drives. Joan provided various literatures which were passed around to all the Council Members. According to Joan the best time to start a stewardship drive is at the end of the *Calendar* year as opposed to *Fiscal Year* and commitment cards seem to be more effective than pledge drives. Take aways from this topic include:

- Our Council should take action and plan now in the midst of our budgeting process to actively prepare for the drive
- We should mail commitment cards out to parishioners and have extra available in the pews.
- Following-up with the parishioners by providing tangible benefits so that they feel good about giving as opposed to feeling like you ‘have’ to give.

Next steps: Father will draft and sign each letter to give more of a personal touch.

Planned Giving Workshop

The planned giving workshop is scheduled for May 12th from 6:30-8:00pm.

Subject: Wills & Charitable Giving (Annuities & IRA's)

The intent of the workshop is educational in nature and the goal is 20 people in attendance. Communication will be made available in the bulletin.

Other Business

- Matt Klein compiled a list of Religious Education class fees from other parishes. After collecting the information, it was determined that there needs to be more discussion about the costs associated with the program. Discussion Tabled.
- Dave Ramsey seminar will be held on June 6th. Signup available online.
- Building and Grounds budget of \$40,000 was discussed
- Compensation Plan was discussed at length. Father provided a Payroll Budget with data provided by the Diocese and recommendations for those who should receive a change in pay.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Matthew Klein