

St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish Finance Council
Minutes of Meeting – March 14, 2011

Present: Joe Dunham, Lori Dunham, Bob Reid, Matt Klein, Fr. Krettek and Peter Relyea (Parish Bookkeeper)

Absent: Susan Genalo, Anne Davis

Guests: Delila Roberts, Diane Cronk, JoAnn Moody and Sue Relyea

Opening

Meeting was opened with a reading from Leviticus and reflection led by Fr. Dan.

Social Hall

Guests present led a discussion concerning the cost of insurance to parishioners when renting the social hall, the Elkhart Fire Department pork roast and other Elkhart events, the issue with the stove pilot light and refrigerator concerns. The side by side refrigerator is not wide enough for trays and the other refrigerator is too cold, freezing the food. Fr. Dan will write a bulletin announcement to let the parish know the need for a different refrigerator. The Council expressed their thanks and the guests departed.

Fr. Dan led a discussion about the request to establish a Hall Committee to review the rental policy and promote the availability of the hall. Andrew Cory and Deb Stokka have volunteered to be on the committee. A representative from the Funeral Committee and Parish Secretary Barb Liske should also be on the committee. Barb will invite Mr. Cory and Ms. Stokka to the next Finance Council meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2011

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

Presentation of February Financial Reports

Peter Relyea presented the February financial reports. Adjusted Net Income has increased for the third month in a row because of the Building Fund donations. Fr. Dan will write a bulletin notice on the Building Fund donations, items paid for, and upcoming projects this spring.

Faith to Finish

There are 24 delinquent pledges at the end of February. The amount received is approximately \$48,000 over projections. Parishioners receive monthly statements and one delinquent pledge is no longer a member. In August, September, and October 2009, the General Fund made the debt payments for the social hall debt. Due to \$8,000 being collected from the Capital Campaign, Joe Dunham made the motion, seconded by Bob Reid, to pay back the General Fund \$7,458.63 and use those funds to pay the shortcomings in the 2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Budget Fiscal Year 2012

No process has been put in place for the Annual Stewardship Drive to assist with budgeting. Would like a formal budget from the Buildings and Ground Committee for next year with estimates and priorities.

Other Business

- Matt Klein is compiling a list of Religious Education class fees from other parishes. After collecting about 50% of his information, comment was made that the parish is a little light on our RE fees. He found that those parishes with schools charge more.
- Rob Welter is unable to continue as a member of the Finance Council. Joe Dunham will contact another parishioner to see if there is interest.
- 2011 ADA pledges are around \$15,000 which is a little over last year's numbers at this time.
- Planned Giving Workshop is May 12 and a list of invitees needs to be compiled.

Meeting was closed with the Our Father prayer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lori Dunham, seconded by Joe Dunham.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Lori Dunham