

St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish Finance Council
Minutes of Meeting – June 18, 2018

Present: Members: David Pottebaum, Laurie Phelan, Rita McClain, and Karen Bellis

Staff: Fr. Daniel Krettek, Peter Relyea,

Absent: Shaun Magill, Doug Jones, Sue Tollefson

Opening Prayer: Fr. Daniel Krettek

Approval of May 2018 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Laurie seconded by Karen to approve. Motion carried. See old business for follow up item regarding ADA funds.

Summary of YTD April Financial Reports:

- Peter Relyea presented the financial report. May books indicate the parish is in the red for this month.
- Timing of some expenses, primarily cemetery lawn care and certain building repairs hurt the results.
- Planning on an ADA push later in the year in October or November.
- Rita moved to approve the Financial Report and was seconded by Dave.

New Business Matters:

- Budget discussion: The group reviewed the letter prepared by Laurie and Shaun to be sent to department budgeters. The group was in favor of having Peter send the letter on behalf of the Finance Council (FC)
- Parish Vision and Mission Statement – The group discussed the vision/mission statement reviewed at the May meeting. The document will be shared at the cross ministry meeting later this month. All departments are encourage to “freshen them up”. Discussion also followed as to how we could have our young parishioners have a voice in the parish. An idea could be to have some of them attend the cross ministry meeting from time to time.
- Movement of SGG accounts to General Fund. Discussion of funds received for SGG and repayment to general fund for monies borrowed during construction of the rectory was agreed upon.
- For the July meeting, the group wishes to discuss the possibility of a new HVAC system at Holy Cross. Laurie will talk to Building and Grounds to make a proposal and start requesting quotes.

Old Business Matters:

- Reporting update – no report. Council to follow up with Arlene Anderson
- Education Assistance policy – delayed to July meeting so Doug Jones could be present.
- Presentation by Diocese representatives (Angela and Laura) follow up - ADA – SMHC Finance Committee requested a list of what the ADA funds are used for. A modified version of this list could be shared with Council for discussion. Angela will forward this along with other resources. The Council can then be specific on how the funds are expended and the ROI for the parish. A “TO DO” of the Council is to review the list of things funded by ADA by the Dioceses that impact St Mary-Holy Cross and increase awareness of those things such as paying for the education of seminarians, funding the food banks and Catholic Charities. List has not been received. Dave agreed to follow up with Angela for the list.

- Good thoughts and ideas. There will be a follow-up discussion potentially with Stewardship and Pastoral Councils once list has been received and reviewed by the finance council.

July Meeting: Tuesday, July 17 at 7 PM

Closing Prayer – Fr. Daniel Krettek.

Respectfully submitted: by Dave Pottebaum