

St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish (SMHC) Finance Council (FC)  
February 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: David Pottebaum, Diane Gannon, Sue Tollefson, Heidi Ackerman,  
Fr. Andrew, Sarah Baumberger  
Guests: Sue Schmidt, Music; Andrea Fisher, Youth

President Pottebaum called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Father led prayer

Ackerman moved to approve January minutes; Gannon seconded. Minutes from the January meeting of SMHC FC approved.

Financial Report delivered by Baumberger. Highlights shown below.

- Cash levels look good
- Youth Retreats line appears out of step with budget.
- Catholic Schools support looks different than past, due to this support coming from one fund now, rather than multiples. The total support given to schools by SMHC is actually less than before.
- Annual Diocesan Appeal: about \$1,000 in pledges outstanding; we are very near our goal
- Staff hours appear up due to there being 3 pay periods in January (function of the way the calendar fell, not due to trends in actual hours worked)
- King's Throne (HC outhouse providers) charge doubled this month, due to a new, higher monthly rate plus a winter fee
- No seasonality is built into the budget, and this needs to be changed for the next budget (i.e. Religious Ed income should be expected primarily around September, not incrementally throughout the year, etc.)

Pottebaum moved to approve the financial reports. Tollefson seconded. Financial Report approved.

FC discussed the Music budget and practices with Schmidt, to increase FC's understanding of the practices of the music ministry for the new budget cycle, and to answer questions Schmidt had for the FC.

FC discussed Youth Ministry budget with Fisher. Errors were found in the financial reports (mis-categorization of some expenses), and these will be fixed by Fisher and Baumberger working through their records together; FC will support this reconciliation as much as possible.

#### Old Business

- Parish Council/budget process to start next week—joint meeting to be held Tuesday, February 25.
- Annual Diocesan Appeal goal will be met shortly by fulfillment of pledges and/or about one more plate collection at Masses.
- FC recruiting: Pottebaum will speak with Barb Liske about getting information on parishioner skills and jobs.

Father led prayer

Meeting adjourned.