

St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish Finance Council
Minutes of Meeting – November 21, 2017

Present: Shaun Magill, Karen Bellis, Peter Relyea, Dave Pottebaum, Doug Jones Fr. Dan Krettek

Absent: Rita McClain, Sue Tollefson, and Laurie Phelan,

Opening Prayer: Lead by Fr. Krettek

Approval of October 2017 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Dave, seconded by Doug to approve. Motion carried.

Presentation of YTD February 2017 Financial Reports:

- Peter Relyea presented the financial report. Highlights included favorable results of \$8,609 net income after adjustments for the month of October. YTD results are still unfavorable with a \$6,958 loss after adjustments. Average weekly collections did improve but the number of tithers are down slightly on a year over year basis.
- Doug motioned for approval of the Financial Report, and it was Seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
- Peter presented the ADA Assessable Income for the year ended June 30, 2017. This report illustrates the formula used to calculate the assessment for the parish. The Council found the report to be useful to provide a better understanding for how we are assessed.

New Business Matters:

- Tithing concerns were discussed. The Council is looking for ways to reverse the trend of decreasing tithing after peaking during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. One of the potential remedies is to increase the utilization of automatic withdrawal. The Council also discussed ways to inform the parish from time to time as to progress towards tithing goal (budget). The group also discussed education on the use of funds. Dave presented a chart used to break out the use of funds. Ideas were raised to make the chart easier to consume. A new draft will be emailed to the Council. When the Council reconvenes in January, they will continue to discuss education ideas and formulate a plan to deliver messages to the parish.
- Peter presented a thank you from Melissa and the group of young adults who attended the NCYC in Indianapolis in November. The students and staff expressed gratitude for the support approved by the Council. The Council is excited to hear what the students learned at the conference. A specific request as part of the financial assistance provided to the students is to be consulted on ways to energize the mass. A group will provide those ideas in an upcoming presentation.

Old Business Matters:

- The Council discussed information provided by Arlene Anderson for website usage. The Council hopes to learn how our site is being utilized. We're looking to find the most effective ways to communicate results, raise awareness of goals and progress towards them, to post forms for automatic withdrawal and other data to help the Council communicate with the parishioners electronically to augment face to face and printed communications. The Council has expressed an interest in obtaining direct access to the web stats to perform their own data mining.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Closing Prayer – The committee closed thoughts on what they were thankful for and then a prayer.

Respectfully submitted: by Dave Pottebaum