Finance Council Minutes
Thursday, January 17, 2008

Present: Walter Leachman, Rick Stephan, Fr. Joe Muench, Bill Drane, Ryan VanDaniker, David Wheatley, Ben Edelen, Julian Gorham, Wayne Rickert, Trent Murphy, Scott Vogt, Steve McCauley
Not Present: Joe Melody, Jeff Keller, Jon Terhune, Andrea George, Jason Ivy, Tony Pescatore, Jeri Isbell, Chuck Garr, Ron Wedding, Dan Bork

Finance Council Agenda:

Start Time: 7:40 AM

1. **Prayer** – Renew Prayer
2. **Approval of December 5, 2007 Minutes –** Minutes approved as published.
3. **Finance Council By-Laws** –Ryan **–** Discussion was held about the how the membership is selected. A phrase will be added to allow the pastor to appoint additional members as necessary, or to replace members who are unable to complete their terms. The amended By-Laws will be distributed to the Finance Council for approval by e-mail.
4. **Priest House Update** – 541 Hill 'N Dale - Fr. Joe/Walter/Ryan – We still do not have any appropriate bids for the renovation. Fr. Joe has looked at the plans to renovate and could not determine reductions that would materially reduce the scope and still fit the needs. The Council discussed options for next steps. Additional ideas and input will be sought.
5. **Development Steering Committee Listening Session** – Ryan/Julian – Fr. Joe provided an overview of the program. The role of the committee is to solicit ideas for parish planning, to seek input for parish goals, and determine financial feasibility of the parish programs and projects. Discussion was held about best ways to distribute this message to the parish.
6. **School Finance** – Walter – The projected shortfall is outlooked at approximately $70K. The school finance committee is looking to complete a preliminary budget for 08-09 in February.
7. **Financial Statements** – Walter reviewed current statements. Offertory donations improved at the end of the year. School expenses seem to be moderating, improving net in that area. Walter will provide more details on where the apparent savings have been realized, to determine if the reduced expenditures are actual or based on timing of reports.
8. **Dreamstakes** - The committee will soon be starting plans for this year's event – first meeting will be Thursday, January 24 at 6PM in the church parlor. We need school coordinators to work with ticket distribution. New ideas and help are welcome!
9. **Other** –
   - Fr. Joe recommended that we hire a person to assist with the cleaning of the priests' house and to prepare some meals. Funding was identified in the budget.
   - Walter will be putting together a Budget Sub-committee to begin preparation of the 08-09 fiscal plan.
10. **New Staff -** Leslie Hinkle was hired as the new Community Life Coordinator.
11. **Next Meeting** – February 20, 2008 at 7:30 AM.

End Time: 9:15 AM