

Finance Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Parish Center Library

Present: Father Bob, Patty Vande Voort, Roy Verstegen, Tim Wyngaard, Steve Hamilton, and Melody Buchinger.

1. Prayers and welcome were conducted by Father Bob.
2. Assigned minute taker: Melody Buchinger
3. Assigned timekeeper: Roy Verstegen
4. Approval of the September 7, 2017 minutes.
 - Unanimously approved.
5. Tithing update:
 - Melody agreed to speak in front of the church on November 4 and 5 again about the finances. Patty noted that we had eight new ETF families sign up and between 15 and 20 ETF families increased their giving. Estimated that in the two weeks since the letter went out and the Parish was addressed, tithing should increase by about \$1000 a month.
 - The timeline for the next few months should be as follows: October 7 and 8, Steve Hamilton will address the Parish about the need for contributions for the boiler and announce the second collection; October 14 and 15, 2017 will be the first collection for the boiler; November 4 and 5, 2017 Melody will address the Parish again about how our tithing increase has occurred, as well as update on how the boiler fund is going.
 - November 18 and 19th, December 16 and 17th and January 20 and 21st will be the second collection for the boiler.
6. Boiler Replacement: Steve Hamilton presented his preliminary presentation that he intends to give on the weekends. General discussion followed.
7. After Steve concluded his presentation, Father Bob requested \$9000 for a security system for the Kimberly Church. He asked if the additional funds could be added to the boiler fund or taken out of the St. Francis fund. A general discussion followed. The motion was made and seconded to approve \$9000 for

a security system to be paid out of the excess boiler funds or the St. Francis fund as needed.

8. The August financial report was not reviewed.
9. Annual meeting. The annual meeting is set for November 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Library. The power point draft was reviewed. This will again be on the agenda at the next meeting.
10. Richard Crainz came to the committee meeting to update on the Meitler study. Richard stated that the Meitler study is in its early stages. At this point, it is a program being run by the Diocese to create a partnership between the parish and the school. The Bishop is indicated that the theme of it should be that we are all disciples of Christ and we need to evangelize. It would include the school boards and parish councils to work on a strategic plan in collaboration for support of the local Catholic schools. This would include accreditation, new roles for presidents and principals. There was a discussion that the Diocese may actually even take over the hiring of employees. The goal would be to increase the academic excellence, identify a common curriculum and common standards.

Richard indicated that he believed that we were further ahead. The Green Bay diocese has put out standards for religion in social studies. He noted that the office of Catholic education was going to have a bigger role in day-to-day operations of local schools. He indicated part of the plan would be to include a process of evaluation including specific assessments like MAP testing, professional development for teachers. He indicated the collaboration would go beyond just between the parish and schools and would include schools working together. It could include sharing teachers or faculty including curriculum and materials across various school systems. He indicated a large component of this will be to update the technology. A strategic plan would have to go into effect for that. Once the technology was upgraded, the churches for the schools could offer online classes. This might include adding special education programs and joining a school choice program. Overall, Richard said he was fairly optimistic about these plans and was hopeful that this could be something that would help in invigorate the school.

11. Update on school enrollment and finances. Richard indicated that there are currently 248 students enrolled in the parish school. This includes both 3K and 4K. This is an increase of 10 students from last year. As it relates to the finances, the school is currently under by \$17,000. It is anticipated that that amount will be made up later in the school.
12. Seminary and endowment. Patty indicated we have two parish members who are in the seminary, Samuel Schultz and Ben Pribbenow. There is a fund to have

the Parish help subsidize some of the expenses of the seminarians. A motion was made and seconded to give Samuel Schultz and Ben Pribbenow \$1000 each out of the seminarian fund.

13. The regional discipleship training seminar was not discussed as we ran out of time. The Rock the Block was not discussed as we ran out of time.

14. Communications. The Connections article due on November 10 will be done by Melody Buchinger. John Probst will do the November 10, 2017 report.

15. Other business. Roy indicated that he had contacted the Catholic Foundation looking for grants for instructional materials for our faith formation. He believed we were going to receive a grant of about \$7500 to replace the teaching instructions for faith formation.

16. The next meeting is set for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Parish Center Library. Motion for adjournment was made. Motion passed unanimously.