

Agenda  
Finance Council  
1/14/2016  
6:30 pm  
Parish Center Library

Present: Fr. Bob Kollath, Greg Mayer, Bill Vande Voort, Patty Vande Voort, Roy Verstagen, Angel Thomas, Tim Wyngaard, John Probst, Melody Buchinger, and Christine Ausloos.

1. Welcomed guests: Principal Richard Krainz and Jeanne Konwal, Scrip Coordinator.
2. Fr. Bob Kollath led us in prayer.
3. Melody Buchinger was assigned Minute Taker.
4. Roy Verstagen was assigned "timekeeper".
5. The minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed. There was a motion by John Probst and a second by Angel Thomas to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Richard Krainz walked the Council through the changes proposed in the next 2016-2017 budget. He talked about the programs he was working on for the school. He called his program "Planning for Success". It included both viability and a stability program. He is working on revamping the curriculum including the teaching instructions. He made a request that the school be permitted to increase tuition next year by 4% or to \$2,395 per year. He also indicated that the school board had recommended that there be a discount for families who had at least 4 children in the school. He also requested that the teacher's/staff salaries be increased over a period of three years until they were consistent with DASA scales. It was also noted that Holy Spirit is required to now pay 80% of the health insurance premium per diocesan directive.
7. Jeanne Konwal discussed an update on the Scrip program indicating that the "shopless" Scrip is now available. Jeanne gave a brief description of the various programs that are available in the Scrip program.
8. The December 31, 2015 financials were reviewed briefly. It appears income is down about \$59,000 against budget. This is a reduction of tithing by about \$5,800 and other decreases in income including a reduction in Scrip revenue. Patty also noted that expenses were up about \$25,000 against budget. Those expenses included a new snow blower, a brush snow blower, a steam trap in the Kimberly school and putting in thermostats.

9. Scrip revenue is down by about \$300,000 against last year. This is primarily because the cost of gas is down and Kwik Trip is no longer contributing 10% of all sales.
10. The Pastoral goals for the Finance Council were deferred until the next meeting as was the “develop a mission statement” for the Finance Council.
11. Council adjourned meeting.
12. Executive Session began. A motion was made by Greg Mayer and seconded by Angel Thomas to go in to Executive Session.
13. The next meeting is set for February 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Faith Formation will present its budget at that time.