

Church of the Resurrection Finance Council Meeting Minutes

8:00 p.m. 22/Feb/2017

The mission of the parish Finance Council is to promote stewardship as a way of life, to insure that parish resources are used in accordance with the principles of stewardship and to secure the financial stability of the parish for future generations

Members Present:

Jan Goers Chairperson (2018), Christine Looney (2018), Stacey Heiman (2017), Nick Bombardier (2017-Pastoral Council Rep), Greg Davied (2019), Fred Knoblach (2019), and Fr. Weldon

Absent: Cathleen Brokaw (2017), James Pfeifer (2018), and Bill Cook (2019)

Also in attendance: Parish Bookkeeper - Jodi Coulter

Opening Prayer – Fr. Weldon

Approval of Minutes – Greg Davied

New Business:

Financials: Jodi Coulter reviewed the financials with the council.

January receipts were down. This is not an unusual trend after the year end surge, but still a bit discouraging in light of this year's budget struggles.

New carpet for the office was the only expense beyond standard operations. This may still be covered by a targeted contribution.

A couple of glitches were noticed and updated the next day. There was some discussion about switching to Quickbooks software, which is more commonly used throughout the diocese. However, the retraining effort may be too much to overcome at this time.

The first draft of the 2017-18 parish budget was reviewed and discussed. **Pledges from current stewardship forms are noticeably lower** than last year. This is troubling data in light of school expansion hopes and expectations for budget growth.

RCS Principal, Kori Heiman was slated to speak to the council, regarding school growth plans. She was out of town, and will be rescheduled for next month.

A School Expansion Subcommittee is being created. This will be chaired by Fred Knoblach of the Finance Council. Jan Goers and Nick Bombardier also volunteered to serve. Representation from the School Council, Building Committee and others will be requested. The charter will be to determine the long term viability of an expansion requiring additional staff and infrastructure.

Old Business:

School expansion: More discussion was held on this topic. The decision is made to plan for an additional 1st grade class next year. However, the long term plan still requires further study. School class size policies need to be clarified. This should include the decision process for additional teaching and para-professional staff.

Several items mentioned by Diocesan Finance Director Bryan Coulter at the last meeting are not currently being practiced by this council. These will be discussed at the March meeting to determine how to best implement changes to better align with the Diocesan guidelines.

Other Actionable items:

Parish policy may be needed to determine what constitutes an active parishioner. CoR may need to review what is done at other parishes.

Monthly Finance Council meetings, on the 4th Wed, will be planned until further notice.
(The March meeting is moved back a week due to spring break).

Next meeting: March 29th 2017, 7:15pm