

Church of the Resurrection Finance Council Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. 24/Oct/2018

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:

James Pfeifer (Chairperson – 2020), Sara Peiffer (2020), Bill Cook (2021), Fred Knoblach (2021), Greg Davied (2021), Ben Relph (2023), Jeff Englert (2023) and Fr. Schemm (Pastor)

Also present: Jodi Coulter (Parish Bookkeeper)

Absent: Christine Looney (2018), Erin Seghers (2020), Nick Bombardier (2020)

Opening Prayer – Omitted

Approval of September Minutes – No meeting in September, August minutes were approved via email and posted on the parish website.

Council Member Introductions - Father Schemm introduced two new members to the council. He still hopes to add one more member to the council for a 5yr term.

Review of Financials – Jodi distributed and did a thorough review of the financials for the benefit of the new (& old) members. She explained the link between the school and church statements and how the parish subsidy balances the school books. The different RCS savings accounts were explained and why there is no checking account.

Some discussion was held on the best method to use for reporting financials in the weekly bulletin. The current system may show too high a deficit until the normal Christmas and year end surge of giving. Several other ideas were proposed. There is no perfect system. No change is planned currently.

New Business:

Pastoral Council Representation – A FC representative was requested to attend the monthly pastoral advisory committee meetings. Fred Knoblach volunteered to take that assignment.

Online giving – It was mentioned that it may be uncomfortable for some parishioners not to have an offering for the collection basket. The online options may be convenient, but somehow miss out on the full spiritual benefit. It also may be misleading to fellow congregants who may falsely assume others are not participating. Several good ideas that are successfully used elsewhere were proposed. More follow up to come.

Old Business:

School expansion – The subcommittee studying school will meet again November 7th. Our reps are slated to provide an update on parish finances. Again, there are different funds and ways to

report. Jodi will gather total collections, including school matching funds, but excluding designated funds. We will construct curves showing year over year changes in total resources to help with the committee decisions.

Actions list -

Fr. Schemm would like a Finance member to attend the Pastoral Advisory Council meeting quarterly. **Closed** – Fred Knoblach volunteered to take this assignment

Present the financial state of the parish at the masses on the Aug 25th/26 **Closed**

Produced data for School Expansion meeting - Jodi/Greg Nov 7th.

Closing Prayer – Father Schemm closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting: November 28th, 6:30pm