

MINUTES OF THE January 11, 2016
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In attendance: B. Sawyer, L. Ouellette, D. Ouellette, J. Bacon, B. Flynn, D. Murphy, D. Kreppin, Paula Moses and E. Kiley

Staff in attendance: R. Smith.

Guest- Kevin Smullen, Chair of the Finance Council

Fr. Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Brian moved and Leo seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting.

Bill introduced Kevin who reported on the Finance Council reaction to the presentation from the Pastoral Council on hiring a Communication Director. Kevin reported that there were wide range of opinions, but the consensus of the Finance Council was that there was a need for a Communication Director however the question was to where to find the funds to pay for such a position. Kevin did say that they had discussed this again at their December meeting, and wanted to wait until the next quarter which would be April 1, to try to adjust the budget to be able to pay for this position. Kevin talked about the two major repairs at St. Martha's in September which took a big junk of the budget. He also reported that the roof on St. Mary's is also in need of repair. Kevin revealed that the Finance Council would re-visit the Communication Director Proposal at their March meeting. Paula asked about the use of Catholic Foundation money for the roof, and was told that the fund was set up to use the interest only.

Stewardship: Bill handed out a draft presentation on stewardship which defined stewardship as "the Catholic approach to the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. Profound gratitude, justice and love become the fundamental motives for giving back to God." He also announced that he had looked into to other parishes that use Stewardship and found that most of their websites were directed to money only. Holy Spirit Parishes approach is holistic with time and talent, not just money. Bill proposed to go to Finance council with the topic of stewardship and then with their agreement form a joint committee to look into stewardship for the Parish. The Pastoral Council was in general agreement with this approach. A discussion followed on Electronic Transfer of Funds. Donna proposed that the parish start using Electronic Transfer of Fund. She reported that at another parish she had attended, they had sheets of paper available which read "I gave on line" for parishioners to take and put in the collection basket. Paula will ask the people at Good Shepherd Parish on using EFT and Leo will check with Kennebunk Savings Bank on how we can start EFT.

Communications: Paula reported that she has the Communication Director Application form all ready to go to print as soon as Finance approves funds. Paula stated that she had finished the Annual report, but did not like the way it looked. The cover was fine, and she passed a copy around the table, but she needs to tweak the inside numbers. She will try to finish it for the February meeting.

New Parishioner Welcome: Rosanne declared that there was no report, since due to the Holidays; the committee was unable to meet. Will have a report for next month.

"Since You Asked": Elizabeth Kiley and Brian are still working on the survey questions.

Young Adults: Fr. Tom informed the council that he had not received any comments on the young adult prayer of the faithful. Fr. Tom has a group of young people to invite to a gathering, but he wanted to review the event with Mary first.

Fundraising: Bill explained the timeline he had for the fund raising applications. The PC approved all 8 submittals with a few slight modifications. He will follow up with the requesters.

Summary:

Paula:

Will look for stewardship archives of information.

Will check with other parishes on how they do EFT and how many participants.

Will bring Annual Report Final Draft.

Will get name of sound person. ? Nick

Leo:

Will check with Kennebunk Savings on their EFT procedures.

Fr. Tom:

Will send Elizabeth and Brian Question and Answers that have already been worked on.

Will discuss stewardship with the Finance council and the possibility of attending their next meeting in February.

The meeting closed with prayer at 7:55 p.m.