

Minutes of Finance Council Meeting January 30, 2018

**NOTICE:** The following Finance Council minutes are not the final official minutes. The following minutes will be reviewed, amended (if needed) and approved at the next Finance Council meeting.

Present: Fr. Tony, Steve Klein, Steve Lund, Sue Carroll, Mari Holderness, Jeanette Houle, Julie Rhoda, Ellen Cherne, and Tim Houle

Fr. Tony let the opening prayer for Greg Smith and his family.

Sue called the meeting to order at noon.

Minutes from the prior (October 24, 2017) meeting were approved with one typo correction.

Ellen summarized the financial statements. She explained the Diocese is having all parishes accounting line numbers, so there are some comparisons to last year that will not match up very well. There were some bigger contributions at the end of the year. But even without these, overall, our income is ahead of budget and our expenditures are just a little under budget.

Fr. Tony said we will find out the amount we are responsible for UCA about March.

Mari summarized the Faith Formation budget, with the STARS event on April 15 being their big money maker.

Fr. Tony updated the group that there is a licensed counselor office'd out of St. Andrews. She is Catholic, and counsels with that perspective. She has paying clients but also is donating counseling services for parishioners. It is not a budgeted service, but she has been given donations and grants.

The Financial Statements were approved as presented.

Fr. Tony said we have received the Feasibility Study. The Presentation Committee and others are reviewing it for next steps – e.g. making the report available and providing some kind of a summary of the report. It is anticipated we will proceed with some level of Capital Campaign. While there are challenges with growth, our parish, and this area, is strong. No action at this time needed from the Finance Council, but we may need a special meeting or email vote before our next regular meeting.

There is an App for smartphones to receive parish information.

The next meeting will be on May 1 instead of April 24; noon; St. Francis.

We need to look for a replacement for Greg Smith. Kevin Dens was suggested. Send any other suggestions to Ellen so they can be considered at our next meeting.

For information, Dr. Fenstad will be giving a presentation in St. Francis Hall on February 7 at 6:00 p.m. on Heart Valve Disease.

There was a limited time offer for a “Case for Jesus” book for Christmas 2018 give-a-way. The books have been well received. Good book. Good price - \$1 each. Fr. Tony decided to purchase them.

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Several thank you's were provided.

Our tithing amount was \$9,086.46.

Tithing Suggestions:

Recurring – FOCUS Zoe Houle - \$750

Recurring – FOCUS Daniel Rhoda - \$500

Recurring – St. Paul's Outreach – Natasha Johnson - \$500

Carry over from last quarter – Rosary Makers - \$750

St. Francis School DC Trip – asking \$1,600

St. Francis School Dram Club – asking \$1,000

Tuition Assistance – donated \$2,500 in April to be brought back up at a later Council meeting – the balance for the year is \$2,957.50

Approved above amounts with the balance (\$1,028.96) going into the Social Concerns fund.

Mari asked that we put the TV in the conference room (need a bigger one) on the next meeting's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Fr. Tony led the closing prayer.

Submitted by Tim Houle