

CLUSTER FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met on Thursday, November 14th, 2019 at 6pm, opening with the prayer.

Present: Stephanie Babinat-Business Manager, Wayne Parizek & Carol Wonrau-St. Michael, Charlotte Upah & Tom Doyle-St. Pat's, Tom Upah & Trish Stadler-St. Joseph's & Father Conway.

The financials for the 18/19 fiscal year were reviewed. Steph sent these to all families in the cluster in September. Wayne expressed a big concern for St. Michael's moving forward. The refund from the cluster every year is what is keeping them going. Without that they would have troubles paying the bills. There was also discussion on the Cluster checking account. Father & Steph mentioned that they will be looking over each line item and changing some of the orders, etc with the upcoming budget. There was also discussion on the formula used to figure the percentage of Cluster subsidy paid by each church.

There was also a discussion on the projects that each church has been doing. St. Joseph did some fascia work on the school, St. Michael flashing on the church and St. Patrick replaced the flat roof of the church.

Since we had a priest change the Archdiocese Auditor will come to our cluster and do an audit of all of our financials sometime in this fiscal year.

Father Conway then presented a position for a Bi-lingual position that he would like to advertise for. He feels this is a very needed position for the Cluster. After lots of discussion it was decided that Father set up a meeting with a few Hispanic people who are involved in the parish (maybe start with RE teachers) and get their feeling on what they need from a Minister position. The overall thought is it would be nice to get the Hispanic community to start to financially support this position. It was suggested to start advertising as 20 to 30 hours per week to see what people might be looking at for the position. There was also discussion on where the money for this position would come from. Father said he feels most would be SP and then the rest divided out. That will be left for further discussion. Father will meet with a committee and continue to work on this position.

Our next meeting will be in March to look at the 20/21 budget. If Father needs to meet more on the Bi-lingual position he will call a meeting before that.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Stephanie Babinat
Business Manager