

St. Joseph the Worker
Finance Council
February 24, 2010 Conference Room
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Dan Falstad, Donna Lund, Michelle Bartley and Mary Jo Dickinson

Dan Falstad submitted his resignation. Mary Jo shared an e-mail from Patti O'Donnell also resigning from the Council. Both have served over 10 years and have been valuable members of the council.

REVIEW MEETING NOTES - January 26, 2010 – no comments made.

REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS + VARIANCE REPORTS
January 2010

OPEN DISCUSSION

Commitment to Parish Life program – update

- A contract has been signed to begin the process in March.
- The cost is \$23,400 to be paid over 2 years.
- Fr. Mike, Fr. Don and Mary Jo are scheduled to meet with the representatives of the CPL program to begin the process on March 4th.
- Commitment responses will come back in June and financial and ministry commitments will begin July 1, 2010;
- Dan expressed his skepticism. He is not clear how they hope to accomplish the 20% increase.
- Michelle shared that she has heard concerns from parishioners about the cost of the program.
- Mary Jo shared that the rationale behind starting CPL in March instead of October was that from the end of the current debt service pledges until the new financial commitments began in the spring of 2011 the mortgage payments would have to be made from the reserve funds. This would exhaust the reserves in just over 12 months.
- The One-Year Debt Reduction Fund Drive now has 273 commitments totaling \$229,954.

Windows – update

- A sales person from Glass Masters is in contact with glass manufacturer to try to determine the cause of the failure.
- Brin Glass has not responded to our telephone calls and our concerns about the glass color etc.
- Brin has not been paid for the installation of the 3 worship space windows.

2010/2011 BUDGET

- The second draft was presented.

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- Sunday collection only was increased 20%, lay employee salaries increased by 2%, ministry and administration budget requests decreased by 5% from first draft, and maintenance and utilities decreased by 5% from the first draft.
- Those present felt the 2010/2011 budget should reflect a 20% increase the income from the debt reduction collections too.

Mary Jo updated some on-going issues:

- Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Even though the overall goal did not increase our parish goal increased from \$99,000 to \$106,000. She is not hopeful of achieving that goal. Donna and Michelle wondered if people understand that SJTW receives 25% of the money back that comes into the parish. Donations made after the Archdiocese starts the telephone calls do not return 25%
- Mary Jo and Ruth Fleming attended the Employment Law seminar today.
- Trivia tickets go on sale this weekend. The contest is March 13, at 7 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Scheduled March 30, 2010. We might postpone until there is more information about the CPL.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – the next draft of the budget.

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