

St. John the Baptist Parish Finance Council

Minutes for meeting on November 16, 2015

- I. Call to order: Vice Chair Craig Gezella called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Gary Lewins.
- III. Present: Bob Buss, Craig Gezella, Eric Guzowski, John Hanley, Gary Lewins, Deacon Manny Torres, Dave Withee

Excused: John Style
- IV. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES: Motion was made by Bob Buss, seconded by Gary Lewins to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 19, with a correction that item VII New Business be corrected to show the discussion of increasing parish member contributions was tabled for further discussion. Motion passed.
- V. FINANCIAL REVIEW:
 - a. Deacon Manny reviewed financial status. Revenue is up, a typical 96-97% of what is pledged. Overall performance through October is acceptable.
 - b. Standard reports are now coming on a timely basis.
 - c. Purpose of various fund accounts was reviewed for the benefit of new council members.
 - i. Manny pointed out the Booster Club funds include a CD whose purpose is to help with future roof needs.
 - ii. Ministry Center renovation needs will not be able to be funded from existing fund accounts. A separate capital drive will be necessary.
- VI. REPORTS:
 - a. Bank Reconciliation: Craig reported the October statement balanced.
 - b. Stewardship:
 - i. Bob reviewed some of the committee activities and noted January is to be for Stewardship of Service.
 - ii. "Burn the Mortgage" is now scheduled for second Sunday of January, to coordinate with the annual Parish Pancake Breakfast.
 - c. Site Advisory: Eric reported this committee liked the format of the Leadership Council meeting.

- d. Building & Grounds: Gary reported this committee is helping spruce up the cafeteria. No meeting is planned until the Nativity set-up in December.
 - e. Pastoral Council: No report.
 - f. GRACE:
 - i. John reported no update.
 - ii. Manny asked John to look into why some schools are receiving special help when all were supposed to be treated equally.
 - iii. Manny shared that Fr. John was “favorable” after his meeting with new GRACE President Desotell. Her background is in fundraising. A general discussion followed including need to focus on improving enrollment as well as fundraising, and the impact of involvement in the voucher program [including influence of Dept. of Public Instruction].
- VII. BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:
- a. Manny took the Council to the basement to see the fix to eliminate water seepage.
 - b. Lead discussion of renovation plans for the old Church.
 - c. Reported the Annual Meeting was held with no issues.
 - d. NWTC survey is helping better analyze cemetery plot situation, and new Cemetery Manager is doing a good job.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Monday, December 14, 2015 – Next Finance Council meeting. 2016-7 Budget draft should be available for review.
 - b. Monday, January 18, 2016 - Joint Meeting with Pastoral Council. Primary discussion is first review of 2016-7 budget.
 - c. Sunday, May 15, 2016 – Coffee & Rolls [with Pastoral Council]
 - d. Bank fees: some discussion ensued regarding current bank fees and the recommendation to review alternative banks.
- IX. Closing Prayer was led by Gary Lewins.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., upon motion by Bob Buss, second by John Hanley and unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Finance Council Secretary, David Withee