

## **St. John the Baptist Parish Finance Council**

### **Minutes for meeting on April 18, 2016**

- I. Call to order: Chair John Style          6:30 p.m.
  
- II. Opening Prayer led by John Style.
  
- III. ATTENDANCE: Bob Buss, Craig Gezella, Eric Guzowski, Gary Lewins, Dave Withee, John Style  
Absent: John Hanley, Tony Piontek, Deacon Manny Torres  
Guest: Ed Castleton – introduced as an interested Parishioner.
  
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 15, 2016, meeting were approved, upon motion by Craig Gezella, second by Bob Buss.
  
- V. FINANCIAL REVIEW:
  - a. Bob Buss noted 1] cash reconciles, 2] revenue is ahead of both budget and last year.
  - b. Gary Lewins noted scrip sales are still down, believed partly due to lower gasoline prices and partly due to the loss of popular vendors. Scrip numbers are not a part of the operating budget, so operations are not affected.
  - c. Eric Guzowski noted the school auction was believed to be very successful but the final tabulation is not yet available yet. There was enough, though, to send the Third Source Funding check requirement to GRACE.
  
- VI. REPORTS:
  - a. Bank Reconciliation: Craig reported February & March statements balanced.
  - b. Stewardship: Bob reported that while there was no March meeting there were activities. Key items:
    - i. Describing the function of committees in the Bulletin has been well received.
    - ii. The Cathedral Book Sale was considered successful.
    - iii. New Parish Member dinners are considered successful.
    - iv. The use of Greeters at Funeral Masses is considered successful.
    - v. Dave Withee participated in sub-group of this committee on ways to improve recruitment and involvement of Parishioners in activities.
  - c. Site Advisory Council: Eric initiated a discussion regarding capital needs at the school. Issues affecting priorities include:
    - i. Role of GRACE versus the Parish.
    - ii. Current higher priority projects, e.g. renovation of the Parish Activity Center.

- iii. Both logistically and financially it is best to do a single large project with the school, as many of the individual projects actually affect each other.
- iv. Nevertheless, the school is the next high priority project to be addressed.
- d. Buildings & Grounds: Gary reported:
  - i. The Boy Scouts are going to erect an arbor.
  - ii. Much work has been done in the field behind the Parish buildings. This former wild wetland has become useful for school nature studies and personal reflection activities. Great work by many people.
  - iii. The remodeling of the Parish Activity Center is proceeding rapidly.
- e. Pastoral Council: No report.
- f. GRACE: No report.

VII. BUSINESS MANAGER:

- a. No report due to surgery for Manny Torres. He is reportedly doing fine.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Long Range Plan: Discussion focused on developing the endowments. The previous program [legal speaker] was good to help people plan for themselves, but did not adequately explain and encourage involvement in the endowments. Craig Gezella and Dave Withee volunteered to function as a sub-committee to create an Endowment Plan.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. May 15: Coffee & rolls after Sunday Masses [w/ Pastoral Council]
- b. Next meeting: Monday, May 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Parish Conference Room

X. CLOSING PRAYER: Led by John Style.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. upon motion by Eric Guzowski, second by Bob Buss and unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted  
Finance Council Secretary  
David Withee