

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2017

The St. Joseph Church Finance Committee met in regular session on April 5, 2017 at 7:30 pm with the following members present: Kevin Ahrens, Vicki Duenke, Sharon Welschmeyer, and Carol Willingham. Kevin Kestler, parish council member, was also present, along with Father Joseph Abah and Brenda Hale, parish secretary.

General / Financial:

Minutes from the meeting held February 8, 2017 were reviewed and approved. The committee then reviewed the financial report for the period July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. The report showed a net income of \$ 7,412 with building fund included, and net income of \$ 34,733 with the building fund excluded. Regular offertory collections are at almost 68% of budget with 75% of the year complete. Parent donations are at 71% of budget, and ELC income is at 76% of budget.

Old Business:

- Progress is being made on the building projects. The playground at the ELC was upgraded in March with new plastic pipes replacing the rotting wood landscape timbers and pea gravel was installed to improve drainage.
- A tree in the ELC yard was trimmed to prevent large branches falling.

New Business:

- Jeffrey Schafer has obtained a cost estimate of \$3400 to replace the lights in school with LED lighting. A rebate offer from Ameren may cover a large portion of the cost. Plus the efficiency of the new lights will save on future electric bills.
- Father reported that the Diocese will begin a new system for payroll processing for all parishes. This system will standardize procedures and assist parishes with compliance with taxation, retirement plan rules, and health insurance requirements. Our parish will still be responsible for our own payroll, but the processing will be done by a third party provider.
- It was decided to add an envelope to our set for the funeral dinner fund. The envelopes will be placed in the pews around the Memorial Day weekend. Next year, the envelope will be added to the pre-printed set that is mailed out.
- Father reported that the enrollment for the extended care program has declined, and that they will be reviewing options for the coming year.
- Father discussed the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and parish revitalization program. There will be a parish meeting on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Father hopes to have a minimum of 50 parishioners attend to provide feedback to the Diocese.

The next meeting of the Finance Council will be June 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm. We will be preparing the parish budget at this meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned with a prayer.

Submitted by,
Carol Willingham