

ST.MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 27,2015

PRESENT: Monsignor Gene Lindemann, Father Robert Shea, Deacon Terry Glatt, Resources Manager Steve Braus, Mike Wolf, Kurt Snyder, Dick Heidt, Shawn Morlock, John Grasl, Leo Voigt, Tony Fladeland, and Tom and Carolyn Hesford. Finance Council Members: Margaret Elkin, Brian VerDouw, Paul Morth and Kirk Greff

Minutes from September 15th meeting approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

+ Visit from Tim McCaffrey postponed to meeting on November 24, 2015.

+ Portfolio Ministry reports: Dick Heidt met with the Finance Council and explained our new process for communicating with the various parish ministries. They did not have any questions at this time. Shawn Morlock met with Sheila Gilbertson about Faith Formation Activities and she seemed very much aware of the new process.

John Grasl met with the Health and Wellness Committee and St. Jude's Mission Society and handed out our new Mission Statement.

+ Monthly Bulletin Financial Report modifications: Dick reviewed the three Models presented on the handout as different options. John questioned showing overruns in budget due to Light of Christ management and additional costs for some of the summer projects costs, including custodial, that LOC didn't pay for (\$20,000).

Tony Fladeland stated he spoke to the LOC budget committee about a plan to make sure this doesn't happen again and that there will be better collaborative planning for next year.

Msgr. Gene suggested that the challenge is to not convey to our parishioners the impression we are over spending. He stated that when compared to other parishes we are doing pretty well, but if we are consistently in the negative we must look at it. Margaret said the recommendation of the Finance Council is Model 3 for the bulletin. Mike Wolf questioned if this is the most accurate picture and Margaret responded that they had tried to come up with the most positive. Kurt Snyder noted that is good to show a positive model, but maybe we should add a note to explain why it is not as good as it looks. Brian V. suggested eliminating the line in the model that shows the difference but still shows the actual budget. Dick questioned if we could show a percentage comparison of each month historically.

Msgr. Gene asked Margaret if the Finance Council could come up with a plan for the next meeting.

+ Pizza Hut property: Msgr. Gene informed the Council that a contract has been signed with YHR Architects. They are coming this Thursday to take measurements. Steve said he talked with the managers and they are willing to cooperate with the architects.

Once the measuring of the property is complete the architect will meet with a planning committee.

Msgr. mentioned in his conversations with Tim McCaffery he is aware of our history and that we haven't been able to do a Capital Campaign, and he is also aware of our needs. Msgr. brought up the fact that some people will not be supportive of LOC campaign but Tim told him there is a way to approach any of these people to see if they would consider supporting St. Mary's Capital Campaign, and he is willing to come up with a plan to help us. Msgr. stated that he is impressed with Mr. McCaffery's commitment and sensitivity to our parish community needs and he is reassured about going forward. Once YHR gets a plan together we will have a better idea what we will need. This will include future plans and will make it

easier to make choices. Kurt asked to clarify that we will need to plan for remodeling costs and maintenance as well.

Msgr. Gene issued his favorite response “God will provide!”

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- + **Appreciation Banquet:** Mike Asked for possible dates for this annual banquet and Steve said that either February 21st or 28th were available. All Council members agreed on February 28th. Mike stated that Shawn would will Chair the project. John, Mike, Dick and Carolyn & Tom volunteered to assist as well. Dick agreed to be the Emcee.
- + **Steve stated that the Stewardship Committee will have a report on the Msgr. Feehan Award candidates by our January meeting. He also said the Stewardship Committee had an idea for a plaque of names of all award winners to be posted in the Gathering Space. All PPC members present that that was an excellent idea.**
- + **Steve said he will do a presentation on our New Mission/Vision Statements at all the Masses this weekend and he suggested that a good follow up would be to, also, post these in the Gathering Space.**

Next meetings:

5:30 p.m. November 24, 2015 and January 26, 2016 ?