

5-29-07 Finance Council Minutes

Present: Fr. Seigel, Carol Cleveland, Rob Galick, Jill Hansen, Steve Younker
Absent: Leon Brummel

Opening Prayer by Father Seigel

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response - Chapter 1. Much of the dialog centered around the definition of our "best portion" of our time, talent & treasure. The "at least I go to church on Sunday" mindset is not enough. Giving is not enough. Stewardship is a way of life, which is a more holistic approach of giving one's self back to the church.

Financial Reports. Sunday offertory is beginning its usual seasonal decline in April, but is still ahead of same time last year. Operating Revenue is \$6k above budget while Operating Expenditures is \$15k below budget. As a result, Income from Operations is \$5k, which is \$21k better than budget.

Pastoral Council Update. Handicap Accessibility Committee got OK to move forward. See bullet #7 below for more info. Building & Grounds workday to be held this Saturday, and committee will meet to discuss future needs (possibly window replacement, garage roof repair).

New Finance Council Members. Council discussed new member candidates. Father will invite three of the candidates to join the council in the fall.

Cemetery. Plot price is \$450 and hasn't been raised in two years. Council is considering an increase to the price of a cemetery plot for two reasons. First, price has held constant for several years while maintenance costs have increased. Second, the Cemetery Inc Care DIAL account, which is intended to be used to maintain the cemetery in perpetuity, is underfunded based on a calculation by the diocese. This item to be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

Handicapped Accessibility. We have received OK from diocese to take preliminary steps with the project. This means we can invest the initial dollars to have contractor draw up proper architectural drawings and submit a more firm bid. Once bid is submitted, we must request diocese approval before moving forward with the project. A capital campaign committee has been formed, but won't publicize any activities until final OK from diocese is received.

Closing Prayer led by Fr. Seigel.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on 7-2-07.