

St. Catherine of Genoa Church
Finance Council Meeting
10-27-08

Sorry for the belated and abbreviated minutes. I did not record any specifics of the financial reports.

1) The council reviewed the feasibility of printing offertory envelopes in Spanish. After much discussion, it was decided that the extra cost of printing the envelopes in Spanish would not likely increase the offering from the Hispanic community at this stage and would not likely cover the extra cost. It was decided not to proceed with this at this time. Father Tim said he would address the decision with the individuals proposing this idea.

2) An update was given Stewardship / Offertory Collections and how we might increase these offerings. The gist was that the overall state of the economy indeed probably is having the largest negative impact of any factor on lower collections. There don't seem to be any magic or especially creative ways to increase offerings. The greatest common denominator is getting attendance up and this would be the focus of future discussions.

3) Discussion continued on the long-term vision for Capital Expenditures. The council compiled a list of items needing attention including:

- a. Repair / Resurface Parking Lot
- b. Evaluate / Repair Water Leaks
- c. Anniversary Celebration
- d. Replace Windows in Parish Office & Old Rectory

The discussion gravitated toward the need to evaluate and repair the water leaks in the parish hall. It was determined that Shales/McNutt would be contacted to come out to evaluate the issues and begin to offer suggestions on steps to take to repair. The discussion ended with the thought that the long-term vision for capital expenditures should really be a part of a broader notion of a Parish Vision and that a Parish Vision for St. Catherine should be a topic for the all-council meeting in August.

4) Next Meeting was determined to be 12/11/08.

Meeting was adjourned.