

Finance Council Minutes
April 23, 2009

Members Present: Carol Cleveland, Ted & Sandy Ellsworth, Jill Hansen, Fr. Tim Seigel, Steve Younker

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00pm.

We discussed an article entitled STAYING FOCUSED ON MISSION DURING CHALLENGING TIMES by Daniel Conway.

Financial Report Updates

- Building and grounds finances are right on target.
- Our Treasure Pledges are very good.
- Our February, March, and April collections have been very strong.
- While collections are below budget, since the beginning of the fiscal year, the situation is not too bad in the overall picture.
- The report was positive.

Pastoral Council Update

- The donor plaque for the Welcoming at New Levels campaign was approved. It will cost approximately \$1,500.
- The long term goals of the Pastoral Council are in unison with those of the Finance Council.

Stewardship Update

- Nine children participated in the Poster/Essay Contest. Each participant was given a small award.
- We decided on the Diocesan Stewardship Calendar.
- The Pastoral Council advised the Stewardship Commission to raise the monthly tithe from .05% to 1% beginning with the new fiscal year. It was also suggested that the DeKalb County Home Foundation be considered as a recipient for a monthly tithe in the Fall.

The following is a prioritized list of our capital expenditures.

1. Grading and water drainage
2. Replace windows
3. Sanctuary floor
4. Parking lot

The bid to replace windows was awarded to Shipley Construction.

We are still working on fixing the grading and the leak in the Parish Hall.

Ted Ellsworth brought in a proposed bid from Curran Contracting Company to resurface the parking lot. The total was \$88,400. This project will be considered at a later date.

We discussed Diocesan Stewardship 09/10 overages and how they will be distributed.

Our next meeting date will be June 1, 2009.