

Finance Council Minutes
November 11, 2009

Members Present: Leann Dunlap, Ted Ellsworth, Sandy Ellsworth, Rob Galick, Jill Hansen, Fr. Tim Seigel, Wayne Walter, Steve Younker
Members Absent: None

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7:00 p.m., followed by a discussion about *Go & Make Disciples - A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States*.

Financial Reports

- Year to Date (July through October) collections are very close to budget.
- Overall, collections remains a positive story. For the past four Quarters, Average Collection per Week is improved when compared to the same Quarter from the Prior Year.
- Council began a debate over sending out pledge statements on regular Sunday collections, tied to the annual Treasure pledge. This issue will be further discussed at the next meeting.
- The new Religious Education textbooks cost \$900 more than budget. Other than that, most expense variances are the result of timing or have a corresponding offset on the revenue line.
- Parish did not need to withdraw cash from Dial in August through October. Withdrawals of \$35,700 are projected for January through June 2010.
- For the 2009 Diocesan Appeal, Pledges were \$1,100 higher than last year. Any diocesan refunds of surplus donations will go towards capital projects this year. In the past two years, refunds were earmarked toward the Welcoming at New Levels elevator campaign.

Old Business - Evangelization Goals. Father shared with Council his brainstorm ideas for evangelization. Jill proceeded to do the same. Then, each Council member shared their ideas, which were logged and will be discussed at a future All Council meeting.

Old Business - Pastoral Council Update. No update from Pastoral Council. They have not met since the last Finance Council meeting.

Old Business - Stewardship Council Update

- Time, Talent & Treasure follow up cards will be sent by each ministry leader. Treasure pledges will be done this weekend, and there will be follow up mailings.
- St. Mary's Winter Coat Drive complete and sent to Aurora
- For the first year, the Hispanic community are following the same Time, Talent & Treasure

Old Business - Drainage Project Update

- Project team has reviewed the final plans and will be issuing Request for Proposals to vendor candidates by end of this week. Bids will be due back by 11-20-09.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer.