

**St. Brendan Finance Council Meeting
December 15, 2016 – 7 p.m.**

All members were in attendance except for Fr. Jim who was sick and Aline Prib, Sandra Neuman, and Brian Bradish. Tony led us in prayer. The minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kerri reported the bulk of the work is over on the STEWARDSHIP DRIVE. We are ahead of last year with pledges. There were 89 new pledges and 205 increased their pledge. Last year pledges were \$871,664 and this year, \$928,545, up \$56,000. This is still only 30 percent of parishioners.
- *Catholic Appeal.* ~~We exceeded~~ our goal of \$149,148, and \$16,840 ^{is needed} ~~was returned to our~~ ^{reach our} parish. This is designated for outdoor lighting. The lighting company has quoted us \$3,576 for the whole campus. This includes a rebate from Puget Sound Energy of \$8,304. The electric bill will go down significantly with this improvement and more than pay for itself.
- Tony admitted he dropped the ball with the “did you know” topic in the bulletin. He will again resurrect this as he now has enough topics.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Potentially there are two new families with a total of three children to be enrolled the first of the year in school. There are 24 families who have children in the school that have not returned their pledge cards even after making several efforts to collect these. Tony will start with an email to Father and Brian regarding this issue of non payment. Would like to get a letter out giving them a month to catch up or else they will pay out-of-parish tuition.
- Regarding the financial reports, Kerri feels we are a little ahead of last year. She is comfortable with the cash flow.
- Mass counts for October were down from previous years and this is felt due to several families leaving for St. Teresa’s.
- Tony suggested we do an abbreviated financial report to the parishioners and the Finance Committee agreed with this.
- Kerri is working on a matching funds outreach program, listing the companies that do matching funds which some people may not be aware of.
- Tony suggested, and all agreed, that we need some kind of a maintenance fund to raise awareness of capital improvements, or whatever’s. Even though we may not yet get to these programs we need to be aware that it could be a roof, lifecycle of the heating unit, etc. Would like to have a period of time to plan for these things.
- Tony has reached the end of his three year term and we need to think about membership and discernment soon.

The upcoming meetings will continue to be the 4th Thursday of the month.
Tony led us in an adjournment prayer at 8:30.