

St. Brendan Parish Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 7 p.m.

Opening prayer was led by Tony Partington as Father was still saying mass. Those in attendance were Sandra Neuman, Arline Prib, Tony Partington, Catherine Shumate, Fr. Wickert (who showed up after opening prayer), Kathleen Keeney, Kerri Foust and Florence Carlsen. Gordon McKinzie was in attendance as a spectator with the hopes of becoming a council member.

Introductions were made as this was the first meeting with Fr. Wickert.

OLD BUSINESS:

- On 6/30/7 the financial statements were reviewed and “we survived”.
- ACA progress. We are short \$2800 of our goal to receive a rebate. There was \$4000 left over from last year that was not spent. Kerri put this into a PRF. This year’s potential rebate is \$23,300. This, plus the \$4,000 will be put toward the stained glass windows which are showing their age. Low bid is \$29,000. High bid is \$34,000. ACA runs through April of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The annual financial report was published in the bulletin. Copy of report attached. Hopefully, by December 31st collections will be up. Summer is usually slow. We will take a look at the numbers then.
- Upcoming stewardship drive starts this weekend. There will be speakers at all the masses.
- Catherine spoke about her new role as Principal. She is bringing back several councils, namely one of them the School Finance Council. All agreed this was a good idea. Enrollment is the key. There were 224 students last year; this year 215. There are plans to get the enrollment up.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The fourth Thursday seems to be conflicting to many of the council board’s schedules, including Fr. Wickert. After some discussion, Father would like us to meet the first Wednesday of the month, preferably at 6 p.m. to 7:30 and then have the Pastoral Council meet right after our meeting; this way, having two meetings in one night. This was unanimously voted for. Next meeting will be in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with a closing prayer by Fr. Wickert

Submitted by:
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