

**St. Brendan Finance Council Meeting
December 6, 2017**

Meeting commenced at 7 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Wichert. In attendance: Sandra Neuman, Arline Prib, Tony Partington, Catherine Shumate, Fr. Wichert, Kathleen Keeney, Kerri Foust, Brigitte Blair, Florence Carlsen, and Gordon McKinzie. Minutes were read and accepted as corrected.

SCHOOL REPORT

Catherine reported that she felt the school budget from last Spring was off and a new draft with clarity is underway. Her school finance committee has been established. (see attached). Catherine knows it will be a tight year and is trying to keep spending down, subbing herself when needed. She feels she is staying on track.

OLD BUSINESS

ACA progress. Kerry reported the 2017 pledges are \$161,585.90. Rebates are starting to come in. Potential rebate is \$23,699.39. We have a bid to fix the stained glass windows of \$29,856.00 from Bovard Studio Glass (recommended by the archdiocese). The council wants at least another bid to fix three windows.

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign – CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST. Father reported that the archdiocese is looking at \$100 million after a survey. \$40 million for priest pension; \$15 million for medical for retired. \$24 million for religious; \$15 million to come back to parishes. Six percent would go to the company running this. This will be done in phases (waves). Our church would start May of 2019 with a three year plan proposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor 2018 housing allowance. This will be talked about at our January meeting.

Update on Parish Stewardship Drive. Doing very well. We reached over one million dollars. This is the first time since 2012. We are \$28,500 over last year. There were 598 pledges compared to 607 last year. 115 were new; 150 increased their pledge and 272 no change.

Tony reported that as he looked at the reports the church is doing well. Not as behind as before. He is concerned about the school (enrollment, etc.) and will go over with Catherine her reports.

Sandra suggested we look into a workshop on planned estate giving.

Upcoming meetings 2018: January 3, February 7, March 7, and April 4.

Father had another meeting to attend so we adjourned at 7:20 with prayer by Tony.

Submitted by Florence Pizzello Carlsen