

**ST. BRENDAN PARISH
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Tony Partington. Opening prayer said by Fr. Northrop. The minutes were read and approved. Those in attendance were: Fr. Northrop, Bridget Harris, Roberta Merlitti, Tony Partington, Florence Carlsen, and John Phillips.

Chris Flynn was unable to attend with a report from the Pastoral Council. Father, who was at their meeting, said there was nothing new to report.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Our goal is \$145,541. We now have pledges of \$135,347 which leaves us a balance of \$10,194 to reach our goal. 399 donors have already paid \$118,154 which leaves \$27,377 to collect.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: John reported that we have pledges from 385 families. Father will remind the congregation about this from the pulpit. A Phon-A-Thon is planned for January. Tony said we should concentrate on those who have pledged in the past who we have not heard from this year.

John also reported that cash is tight. This week, on Monday, he had \$35,000 in the checking account but he had \$40,000 worth of bills. Luckily, the school deposited \$35,000 so all is okay for now. January is usually a time when we have to borrow with the pension to be paid of \$35,000 and our quarterly amount due to the Archdiocese. Right now we have \$50,000 of free money and about \$125,000 to \$150,000 earmarked for capital improvements that we voted could be used, so we have approximately \$200,000. Tony is concerned that by summer things look dismal based on our weekly contributions.

John got a call from Scott Bader of the Archdiocese Parish Financial Services who informed John we are to be audited. No date has been set.

Bridget looked up on her phone as to the average income of Bothell residents. It showed \$89,000. She calculated that if every family gave 2% we could bring in \$3.2 million. We need to talk to the Pastoral Council next month about our concerns. People need to understand what it costs to maintain a parish.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 by Tony with a closing prayer by Father.