

St. Brendan Finance Committee Meeting  
February 26, 2015

1. There was no quorum for tonight's meeting and the following is the discussion that occurred between those present. Present was Fr. Northrop, Roberta Merlitti, Arline Prib, Sandra Neuman, John Phillips, Florence Carlsen, Bridget Harris, Ken Elliott and John Fogliani.
2. Fr. Northrop led is in prayer.
3. Introduction of new discerning members, Arline Prib, Bridget Harris, and Sandra Neuman. They told us of their background and we all introduced ourselves.
4. KEN ELLIOTT reported that during a two week period \$8,000 was added to the deficit. John Phillips thinks it is closer to \$10,000. Rinaldo is working on the *St. Brendan's got talent* along with the *Bite of St. Brendan* scheduled for March 15. This is to also help the deficit. Stewardship wants to know the status of our financial situation on a regular basis. Ken said Jason got the third bid of \$160,000 on the audio system.

The following discussions ensued:

Finance Council recommended to hold off on Audio. John Phillips will pass this on to Bill. The parishioners do not connect the money for this as money from the Annual Catholic Appeal from two years ago.

John Fogliani said we should consider big ticket payout items as a forecast to be put into the budget monthly. He also suggested we ask each family for an extra \$75 yearly to stabilize the deficit. We could have envelopes available marked especially for this (DEFICIT)

The web site is being redone and Bridget suggested we put the on-line giving part in a more noticeable position. She said it was closer to the bottom now and not readily visible.

Father met with the staff about the need for cuts. Going to a four day week from March 15 to the end of June would save us \$23,000. The Finance Committee is not recommending this. Father will discuss with the Archdiocese about picking up some of the benefits for Fr. Knudsen or see if we could share him with another parish. If we could put the forecast of the large expenses on a spread sheet, this should help Father make decisions. Another idea is to find out what amount of matching funds is given the school and possibly this could offset what the parish gives the school.

The three new members will go through a discernment process in May and begin their term in July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with a closing prayer by Fr. Jim.

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