

**ST BRENDAN PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 28, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. Father read a devotion to St. Francis de Sales. Those in attendance were: Bridget Harris, John Phillips, Florence Carlsen, Tony Partington, Arline Prib, Roberta Merlitti, John Fogliani, Sandra Neuman, Ken Elliott and Diana McDevitt. The minutes were read and approved from the April meeting.

Ken Elliott read excerpts from the last Pastoral Council Meeting, stating that about four or five delegates are leaving this weekend to visit our sister parish in Malawi. Stewardship would like more social events. There is no news on the cell tower. We are now negotiating with another company.

SOUND SYSTEM: Analog has been replaced with digital. We are moving forward with this project and new speakers will be installed around July. Morgan Sound is doing the work.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Goal this year is \$145,541. So far we have received half. Rebate will go toward remodeling lower Brendan House. Figure about \$25,000 for improvements. Will ask for volunteers to paint, repair, etc. This will not be until next year.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT: John P thinks it is looking good. May revenue was not up to par but feels this was due to the holiday weekend. Summer attendance usually drops. Dianna brought up that another church she knows has implemented a PDS package where things can become more readily available when questions arise. She will send out more information on this.

John went over we are still \$22,000 short after reducing two staff members to half time.

Cash on hand now is \$280,000. The only time he had to withdraw money was last January for pension payment.

John F and Dianna both agreed that we should be tracking the revenue number and make decisions before November if we need to make changes if trending toward same deficit.

1993 census requests were sent out. 127 wanted no envelopes, 392 said all was okay and 102 were removed from the parish. This is a 35% return.

Sandra suggested that the bible class would be one opportunity to charge a little bit more than the price of the book. She said, "every little bit helps".

A budget should be adopted by June 15. Tony and John will work on this. We are usually hit with one time expenses in August/September. Tony will also investigate this. John P will be laid up for about three weeks and wanted to know if it was okay to approve the budget by e.mail. All agreed "OK".

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. with closing prayer.

