

**St. Brendan Parish Finance Council Meeting
September 24, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by John Phillips at 7 p.m. Father Northrop led us in an opening prayer. In attendance were: Fr. Northrop, Bridget Harris, Roberta Merlitti, Arline Prib, Tony Partington, Florence Carlsen, and John Phillips. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Roberta and seconded by Tony.

Tony Partington will be the new Chairman of the Finance Committee. John cannot do it anymore as he is on the staff.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Our goal is \$145,541. So far \$134,270 has been pledged leaving balance of \$11,271.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial report is accurate up to May. June is just an estimation. Bridget suggested tracking this with last year to see where we are trending. 20 percent of the custodian's salary will be taken out of the school budget and put into the church's as he works both places – 32 hours for the school and 8 hours for the church. John wants the Council to accept this budget as this is THE BEST WE CAN DO. Tony made a motion to accept it and Bridget seconded the motion.

The insurance on the bus has gone from \$1200 a year to \$2600. The bus is seldom used, maybe only four times a year. It was decided to sell the bus. We can always rent a bus if needed.

STEWARDSHIP AS A PARISH: (Letter from Mary Winter and Response.) There was talk whether to amend the budget to allow for this. We cannot make up our deficit but Stewardship wants us to put this into the budget. As of now we are doing charitable things. We give to St. Vincent de Paul, SOS and St. Mary's Food Bank. We have not lost sight of this. It was moved that we put \$1000 as an ongoing item in the budget and John will do this as a show of good faith to the Stewardship Commission.

Envelopes are going to be ordered from a new company. As of now we are paying \$14,000 for them and the new company will be \$7000.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. with a closing prayer by Father.