

ST BRENDAN FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2019 – 6 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Wichert, Kathleen Keeney, Kerry Foust, Brigette Blair, Florence Carlsen, and Catherine Shumate.

ABSENT: Tony Partington, Sandra Neuman, Gordon McKinzie

PRAYER: Opening prayer by Fr. Wichert

MINUTES: Read and approved.

There were not enough members to make a quorum, but the meeting went on anyway as we had nothing to vote on.

SCHOOL REPORT: Catherine reported she received a \$22,000 grant from Fulcrum. She is still getting quotes for the parking lot. She has a report of a sky view that looks good, and that paving should only take a day. But, it will probably be a week that the lot is closed because of the prep work and after time for cement to cure. Catherine is looking toward summer to have this done. No vacation bible camp this year.

TEACHERS SALARIES. Right now things are coming up short. Our teachers start out at \$36,000 which is way below public school teachers and even other catholic school teachers. The archdiocese is forming a committee to address this shortfall. They will be doing a teacher survey. Catherine did her own survey and reported that several teachers here are considering leaving.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACA progress 2018. 88% paid. Looks good. We will get back almost \$50,000.

As of December 1, there were 84 families in the school. 48 had not returned their pledge. It is down to 37 this month. Father is working on ideas to confront this. Families say they are parishioners but they are never seen at church. Father discussed three levels of tuition he is thinking about.

NEW BUSINESS:

Called To Serve: We will get back 15% of whatever is collected. Our parish will be hearing about this toward the end of summer.

PARISH SHARE PROJECT: Father wants to remodel the sacristy. The first item is a new altar. (This has already been funded). He wants a new ambo, pedestals for Mary and Joseph statues, new floor, and have an architect come in to advise on a mural for the wall behind the altar. Father showed us pictures of St. Mark's Church in Shoreline. This is similar to what he has in mind. He wants paintings of angels and saints. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

There will be no Finance Council meeting in March and next one will be April 3.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. with prayer by Father.

Submitted by Florence Pizzello Carlsen