

APPROVED

St. Joseph Finance Council Minutes of Meeting September 11, 2007

Present: Melissa Bumgardner, Denis VandeVoort, Carol Kittell, Don Hando, Sherry Piontek, Fr. Don, Fr. Andy

NEW BUSINESS

Revisit Budget: Need to generate more income. Fr. Don will draft a letter to parishioners to bring to the next finance meeting for approval. That letter, along with a copy of the annual report, will be sent to all parishioners. Target date for mailing is October 22. We could also do a vocal appeal, but will start with the letter.

Annual Meeting: Scheduled for October 27, at 5:30 in church.

Discussion with diocese regarding formula for Bishop's appeal: Fr. Don will contact the diocese.

Diocesan Reports: Reports were signed.

Letter to Parishioners: See "Revisit Budget" above.

Checkbooks: With our participation in the pilot program for the new parish software program being implemented by the diocese, we may be required to have all organization checkbooks using the parish Federal ID number run through the parish checkbook early next year.

Family Services: Called Family Services to see if they might still be interested in leasing out the school building. They are currently working with another church.

OLD BUSINESS

Sound System: We are getting very close to making a decision. Final bids are due by Friday, September 14, 2007.

Railroad Museum: Tabled until next meeting. Bob Young will look into staffing concession stands for special events at the Railroad Museum as a fundraising opportunity for the parish.

OTHER REPORTS

Current financial reports were reviewed.
Building & Grounds report reviewed.

Next Meeting: Oct. 9, at 7:30 pm, at St. Jude (Prayer – Carol)

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Due to not having a quorum present, no meeting was held.

Members present did discuss the letter being sent to parishioners with the annual report. They received a copy of the annual report to review. Fr. Don has made initial contact with the diocese regarding the Bishop's Appeal. Carol will get figures for the past three years on the amount of the Bishop's Appeal assessment and the actual amount raised. Fr. Don will be preparing a letter to be sent to families with students at Notre Dame Academy who do not contribute service or financially with the parish.

Due to conflicts on the second Tuesday of the month, Fr. Don asked if the finance meetings could be moved to the second Thursday. Denis and Melissa agreed. Carol will email the absent members to determine their availability.