

# **St. Jude Parish Finance Council Minutes - DRAFT**

## **August 14, 2008**

Members/Parishioners Present: Fr. Don, Brian Sengstock, Larry Sterckx, Gary Tilot, Carol Kittell, John St. Andre, Jayme Kujava, Fr. Andy (later)

Meeting opened with a prayer and roll call was made.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written.

The agenda for the meeting was approved with three additions – annual meeting, church air conditioning and grade school update.

A handout for an upcoming Diocesan workshop was distributed so that anyone interested can make plans to attend.

Some Diocesan reports/questionnaires (which Joyce had filled in) dealing with parish financial control policies/procedures were passed around for signatures for submission to the Diocese. The only “false” answers (which mean we are not in compliance with Diocesan guidelines on that issue) are from not having all club bank accounts in the name of the parish and run through our accounting records and from not having bank reconciliations done by someone other than Joyce.

The scrip program is in need of an old laptop computer and a scrip software program. A note will be put in the bulletin to ask for these items.

Weekly phone calls of thanks to parishioners will re-start in the near future.

All four parishes will take over and continue with Mardi Gras and split the profits now that the grade school has closed.

Father will be making “finance talks” in all masses on the weekend of 9/13 and 9/14.

Some final adjustments to the 2008/2009 budget were discussed and approved. Mostly because of the school closing, we have a budgeted surplus of approximately \$70,000 which will be targeted towards debt reduction.

After discussing several options, the Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14th in the church.

Thanks to a pledge from the Booster Club and free labor on the sacristy steps from the prison system program, the \$25,000 set aside should be enough to take care of the old office roof, the sacristy steps, the entry canopy and also the new compressor that is now needed for the church air conditioning system. Estimates are being gathered for office windows in the future.

Approximately \$1500 per student (for approx. 60 students) will be paid by our parishes to Holy Family School, St. John's, etc. for the upcoming school year. Additional funds are available from Holy Apostles' account to help school families further.

Financial Reports for the months of June and July were reviewed and approved for St. Jude Parish, Holy Apostles School and Faith Formation with some discussions and clarifications.

The meeting was adjourned.