

Minutes of Joint Meeting  
Parish Council & Parish Finance  
September 29, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Fr. Scanlin, Paige Rosini, John Feudale, Joseph Springer, Steven Resuta, David McAnaney, David Olsheskie, Susan Singh, Nancy Shuey, Judy Brokus.

Absent: Meg Yeager, John Schenewerk, Paul Swartz, Tom Bradley, Kathy Clutcher, Helen Forti

The meeting opened with a prayer from Fr. Scanlin. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Dave Olsheskie, seconded by Sue Singh. A unanimous vote agreed to accept the minutes as submitted without changes.

Steve Resuta reviewed the annual financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. (A copy of the financial report and proposed script for the presentation to the parish was distributed to those in attendance.) Everyone felt the report was concise and ready for presentation to the parish. Steve Resuta along with Sheila Olsheskie pinpointed some specific items such as the installation of the new boiler in the spring and the shortfall of the Lenten Appeal, both of which were large expenses. The decline in the weekly offertory was also discussed. We have seen a trend over the past 3 years with declining donations. One reason for this is the death of parishioners and the loss of their donations. It was generally felt that our tithing program needs to be "re-started", possibly addressing this in the new year. We would need to prepare a campaign with enough information about tithing and how our parish benefits, also not having to sponsor continuous fundraising events. Several of those in attendance felt that we also need to stick with some of the traditional way of doing things to keep donations coming in such as moving the Nativity scene back up to the front of the Church. The main part of the financial discussion that was stressed is that we are in good financial shape with money in savings and a cash balance.

The report will be presented on the weekend of October 15 & 16. 5:00 p.m. Joe Springer, 8:00 a.m. Paige Rosini, 10:30 a.m. Dave McAnaney.

Steeple Update: Unfortunately due to the numerous insurance regulations that we now must abide by the steeple that Tim Staniszewski fabricated will not be able to be installed on the roof. However, we are considering the possibility of a prayer garden on the grounds featuring the Stations of the Cross. The steeple could possibly be used as the center point for the garden.

Large Stained Glass Window Update: The window is currently being worked on by Mike Saltzer of Saltzer and Sons in Harrisburg. This new vendor was able to fabricate the window for half the cost of the original company that we were going to work with. We expect to have the window installed before the Advent season. The window has been paid for by a parishioner and the money is being held in savings. With the completion of the window the renovation project will come to an end therefore we will begin work on the donation plaques for the vestibule of the church.

Several terms were due to expire for members of the Parish Council. Fr. Joe has requested that those members remain on the Council until May of 2017. At that time nominations will be held and elections to replace those members (Dave McAnaney, Dave Olsheskie, John Schenewerk, Meg Yeager, Kathy Clutcher, Helen Forti)

Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Olsheskie, Parish Manager