

## St. Joseph Parish • Finance Committee Minutes, January 27, 2009

Present: Carol Schugg, Jill Flood, Emery Koenig, Bonnie Delaney, Jim Cappelleri, Father Blake, Joe Pogatchnik, Jeff Nelson and members of the Parish Council also attended.

*Absent: Tim Fischbach (will return in April)*

- I.) Opening prayer Fr. Blake
- II.) Approve Nov 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
  - a.) Approved by all!
- III.) Discussion Q2 budget
  - a.) We had some wonderful donations at the end of the year which allowed us to get back on our budget
  - b.) Overall some concerns, however, we seem to be fiscally in line with our budget expectations given the difficult economic times. The next 6 months will completely depend on envelope donations and we must hope that our parishioners continue to support the church.
  - c.) We discussed a variety of ways to communicate this potential shortfall and will come up with a plan to do so. Bonnie and Father Larry will communicate our concerns in the second quarter update.
- IV.) Update on Capital Campaign Fr. Larry
  - a.) Bonnie gave us a detailed update on the capital campaign; overall we have received commitments of \$1.4M against our Goal of \$1.7M. Bonnie discussed ways of communicating how we are utilizing the campaign funds so parishioners clearly understand where the contributions went.
- V.) Update on School President
  - a.) We spoke about the potential for a new school president, it would appear that a strong candidate has appeared and we are currently working with this individual on terms and conditions.
- VI.) Old Business
  - a.) We need to replace Dave Swift on the finance council who needed to resign for personal reasons. We appreciated Dave's advice, council and his service to the Parish in this endeavor!
- VII.) New Business
  - a.) Venezuela update, good discussion, how do we get more people involved, how do we communicate better, etc. Maybe we should move this group towards a social justice program. It seems this should be more of a parish program vs. a smaller group/individual program. Perhaps we need a staff person to lead this? Father Larry will ask the staff if we could reorganize the staff slightly to make this work. We would particularly like to involve the youth in these types of activities.
- VIII.) Next meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>, we are trying to arrange a meeting with the school board to review the next fiscal year school budget.
- IX.) Next meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- X.) Closing prayer – Father Larry 8:50