

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Finance Council Minutes

March 21st, 2017

Present: Mark, Jeanette, Joe, Milton and Larry. Absent: Father Dennis. Guests: Leon

Meeting was opened with prayer by Joe.

Motion was made by Jeanette, 2nded by Larry to approve minutes from prior meeting. Motion approved.

Motion to accept financial report was made by Larry, 2nded by Milt. Motion approved.

Leon updated us on the employment law seminar he attended. Background checks run by the parish must now be kept forever.

Jim Smisek repaired the door returns on the Civic Center doors.

Mark updated on recent Knights of Columbus activity. \$1000 donated to Alpha Women's organization to assist with their mobile ultrasound unit. \$250 donated to Lonsdale Area Food shelf. \$400 donated for alter lighting at the new Holy Cross Chapel. Upcoming events include the fish fry April 7th and a Mother's Day breakfast May 7th. The maintenance committee of the Knights will be working on the rectory basement to address dampness.

Discussion was made to update our parishioner lists. Motion was made by Mark, 2nded by Larry to send targeted letters to make sure we have accurate roster of parishioners. Motion carried.

A letter to parishioners to ask for donations towards the street assessment. It was decided to mail at the end of April. We decided to include the calculation of \$112,000 assessment divided by approximately 330 donating families to arrive at a request of approximately \$340 per family. We also would include a statement asking families to recognize that some families will not be able to pay all or some of that, so if families can pay \$400, it would be appreciated. Draft of letter will be reviewed at next meeting.

A janitor has been hired and will be starting soon. We will be reviewing our lawn care contracts for the cemetery and the church grounds to see if the new janitor could do some of those duties and lower our lawncare expense. Approval of new lawncare contracts was tabled until next meeting.

Closing prayer was led by Joe.

Next meeting will be April 18th, 2017. 7PM.

