

**Church of the Resurrection  
Finance Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

In attendance: Fr. Tom Dragga, Dennis Bodziony, Bob Eidnier, Marilyn Emshoff, Bill Hawke, Dan Plato, Paul Sabataitis, John Shovary, Herb Wilson, Kevin Young, Janice Zeller.

Absent: Nick Babic

- 1) The meeting opened at 7 PM. Fr. Tom reported that just before Thanksgiving an appeal letter had been sent to all those parishioners who had not been making contributions to the parish. It was too soon to judge what the effect of the letter might be.
- 2) The results of the regular census taken at Masses during two weeks in October were comparable to last year's numbers. However, it appears that attendance at Masses in November had increased slightly.
- 3) We reviewed the progress report which showed that total donations were up by 7.4% compared to last year, however operating expenses were also up 7% compared to last year. We had an operating loss of \$30,200 in FY 2017 compared to an operating loss of \$38,700 for last year. We agreed to examine operating expenses at the end of December.
- 4) We had \$130,123 in the Restricted Fund as of Oct. 31 after set asides for major repair reserve, loans to the operating account, etc.
- 5) Our Rooted in Faith campaign had total pledges of \$1,390,400 of which \$1,216,400 had been paid. After accounting for cancelled pledges and reduced pledges we may collect approximately \$88,000 additionally. We owe Thea Bowman Center \$11,900 which will be paid during December.
- 6) The Building and Grounds Commission has prepared a five-year plan and will further discuss their plan during their January meeting. Large items currently being considered are a replacement HVAC system for the original church building and renovation or removal of the bell tower in the original church building due to water leaks (three quotes are in process for aspects of this effort). A new building would cost approximately \$3 million whereas renovation would be in the \$1.5 million range.
- 7) An architect had visited us on Dec. 5. We are exploring ways to expand room sizes in the older building in order to better accommodate PSR classes. Enrollment in PSR has increased compared to the last several years. This architect also commented that the "bones of the building are in good shape", echoing a similar comment from a diocesan facilities representative who also recently inspected our facilities.
- 8) Fr. Tom extended thanks to Dan Plato and Kevin Young for their presentations at Masses at the end of September appealing to parishioners for increased donations.
- 9) Members of the Loaves and Fishes Fund group wish to meet with Finance Council to plan their efforts for their spring project. Accordingly Dennis and Kevin will attend their Jan. 17 meeting.
- 10) Giving Tuesday occurred on November 29. About 150 Diocesan agencies took part and raised about \$415,000. Resurrection raised about \$2,700 for our youth ministry and their planned trip to Honduras.
- 11) Fr. Tom announced that health insurance costs for our staff would increase by about 15% for 2017. In addition he has received a letter from the Diocesan Finance group stating that the parish will be audited in the January/February time frame.
- 12) Dennis announced that Alex Hamm had resigned from Finance Council and since Dave Consolo had moved to Geauga County he and his family have joined Holy Angels parish.
- 13) After a closing prayer by Fr. Tom, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM.**