

St. John the Baptist Finance Commission
Minutes
March 25, 2015

Present: Father Skluzacek, Chair Gary Horn, Chris Lieser, Bob French, Ken Houston, Lesia Zownirowycz, Gene Rezac

Absent: George Weinberger, Deb Case, Scott Johnson

Present from the Staff: Mark Dittman, Stacey Meyer

1. Opening Prayer – Mark D.
2. Introductions – Mark Dittman, new Parish Business Administrator, introduced himself and talked about his background. Commission members introduced themselves and talked about their background.
3. PLC Report – Chris L. reported on the February PLC meeting. Items discussed included school enrollment, signage around the church, columbarium, street work, and rectory chapel. See PLC notes published on website for more detail.
4. Financial Update, through January – We had good giving results. At the end of January we were \$39,000 better than budgeted, or about 4%. Overall revenue including the school was \$117,000 better than budgeted, or about 4.4%. Our expenses as reported were worse than budget by 49,000, or about 2%. So things look good right now, despite a decline in school enrollment. The Quarterly Financial Report for the 2nd quarter was reviewed and will be put in the bulletin. Parish Soft – Stacey said the transition continues to go well, although not without its glitches.
5. 2015-16 Budgets – Michelle has prepared all of the individual spreadsheets that are used to meet with ministry heads, and discussions have already occurred. Sunday Giving projections were done by Bob and Gary. An averaged number will be used for budget purposes. All expense items have been budgeted except salary. The Archdiocese Assessment is set at \$234,000 for 2015-16
6. Subcommittees –
 - a. Nominating – There are 3 openings for the Finance Commission. A process has been established, including an opportunity to recruit after Masses on the weekend of April 18/19. There have been 2 indications of interest. Spread the word about volunteering on a commission.
 - b. Cemetery -- Columbarium – The committee will need to meet to discuss the planned columbarium. This has been put on hold due to the death of our sexton Al Bauer.

9. Announcements & Other Business

OSMG — The financial goals of the 2015 OSMG renewal are: Sunday Giving increase of 5%; Capital debt elimination over 5 years - \$2.2 million. The silent portion of the renewal is underway including visits to major donors. Also the timeline has been set.

10. Closed with Prayer at 7:25.

Next Meeting – April 15, 2015