

St. Francis Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 7 p.m.,
Parish Library

Present:

Fr. Anthony, Christine G., Sr. Peggy, Judy, Ray, Cecilia, Ixiim, Christine C., Ruth, Shaaron, Bernie, Dick, John, Eloise, Lisa.

Others Present:

1. Welcome
2. Prayers (John)
3. Review of Agenda – (no additions or edits)
4. Budget Priorities – A discussion was led by Rich Csaposs:
 - He presented the Profit and Loss Budget Overview.
 - Current donations have declined by around 9% from last year.
 - Our budget included only a 6% decline.
 - The Harrington Fund (around \$1.4 M) earns an interest of about \$70,000 a year. This amount helps in decreasing our deficit. Donations to the endowment fund earns the most interest.
 - The building fund account currently has around \$200,000. Money in this fund can only be used for the buildings and grounds. The diocese approves any building expense over \$12,000.
 - Is there a separate budget for the Centennial? Rich will get back to us on that.
 - A parishioner bequeathed the church with \$250,000. We don't know when we will actually get it.
 - One of the council budget priorities previously discussed was Faith Formation.
 - Should we budget for a deacon with half the salary of a priest (around \$1,500 + 26% for benefits)?
 - There was a suggestion to come up with a contingency fund designated for a deacon and if there is no deacon in the pipeline, then it can go to another purpose.
 - A suggestion was to approach the budget looking at the core and deciding what to do with any extra money if there is any.
 - Another suggestion was to approach the budget looking at what our wishes/goals are and working on incorporating them in.
 - Another budget priority discussed is the hiring of a youth ministry leader to help promote our youth ministry.

- A suggestion was made to consider asking the deacon to also be the youth minister.
- A suggestion was made to consider hiring a permanent deacon.
- Where is the greatest need?
- Instead of specifying the fund for a deacon, it should be broadened such as pastor supplement fund, etc...
- We should think about considering covering the costs of the ministries.
- How do we support the parish? It could be globally looking at stewardship, more encompassing.

5. Announcements / Feedback from council: Retreat on Saturday the 30th.

6. Closing Prayer