

**Minutes for Finance Council
St. Mary's Parish, Westphalia
May 29, 2014**

Members Present: Greg Martin, Jarrod Thelen, Brian Smith, Jon Thelen, Geri Pennell, Trina Witgen, Bill Nurenberg, Lori Rademacher

Members Absent: Chad Hengesbach

Also Present: Father Mathias and Mary Enneking, Business Manager

Call the Meeting to Order: Brian Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Father Mathias led the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Geri Pennell and seconded by Lori Rademacher to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of May 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Greg Martin and seconded by Jon Thelen to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Father Mathias reported that Simoni Systems have started installation of the new church sound system. Mary Enneking added that the parish has received \$23,000 in donations for the sound system.

Kirk Myers, Dean Weber and Craig Trierweiler presented their recommendation that the church boiler be replaced with a new hot water heating system. Their recommendation is based on the age of the current boiler, the improved efficiency of the new system in terms of less maintenance and less natural gas used compared to the current system and installing a heating system that is up to code. Kirk, Dean and Craig will prepare a quote for the proposed hot water heating system. Bill Nurenberg agreed to contact other parishes in the Diocese of Lansing who have had this type of system installed in their churches. A motion was made by Lori Rademacher and seconded by Geri Pennell to approve the new heating system to be funded in fiscal year 2015-2016 due to the time constraints of completing the installation before winter and financial considerations and to approve the temporary chimney repairs that are needed to get through this winter. Motion approved unanimously.

Continued discussion of the 2014-2015 budget. A motion was made by Jarrod Thelen and seconded by Bill Nurenberg to approve the proposed salary increase for parish staff and a K-6 tuition increase of \$75 for one child, \$150 for two children and \$225 for three children. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

The April financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Jon Thelen and seconded by Trina Witgen to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

Words from the Pastor: Father Mathias thanked the council members for an amazing and fun year and he looks forward to our final meeting together.

Adjournment: Greg Martin made a motion to adjourn and Trina Witgen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Greg Martin led the closing prayer.

Minutes taken by Jarrod Thelen.

These minutes have not been approved by the Council. (Approved by Finance Council on 6/26/14)