

**Minutes for Finance Council
St. Mary's Parish, Westphalia
June 26, 2014**

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Father Mathias, Father Eric, Mary Enneking and Ray Rzepecki

Call the Meeting to Order: Brian Smith called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Father Mathias led the opening prayer.

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

Approval of May 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Greg Martin and seconded by Jon Thelen to approve the minutes with the change of adding 2% as the amount of salary increase for parish staff as suggested by Fr. Mathias. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Father Mathias reported that Simoni Systems are virtually done with their work on the new sound system. The speakers in the sick room, cry room and sacristy will not need to be replaced since the other upgrades have sufficiently improved the sound quality in those areas.

Mary Enneking shared the Myers quote for a new hot water heating system for the church. She mentioned that Dean Weber is researching rebates that the parish could apply to the new system. Chad Hengesbach and Brian Smith volunteered to gather information from other parishes in the diocese who have had hot water heating systems installed. Mary will ask for a further breakdown of the Myers quote into wants versus needs.

Ray Rzepecki reported that St. Mary has hired a new first grade teacher and that the enrollment for next year includes 34 kindergarteners and 42 first graders. He also answered questions from the council members.

Continued discussion of the 2014-2015 budget. A motion was made by Trina Witgen and seconded by Jon Thelen to approve the proposed parish budget with minor modifications. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

The May financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Greg Martin and seconded by Jarrod Thelen to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Words from the Pastor: Father Eric stated that he was excited to be the new pastor of St. Mary and appreciated the council members attention to detail.

Adjournment: Greg Martin made a motion to adjourn and Lori Rademacher seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Father Eric led the closing prayer.

Minutes taken by Jarrod Thelen.

These minutes have not been approved by the Council. (Approved by Finance Council on 9/25/14)