

**Minutes for Finance Council
St. Mary's Parish, Westphalia
January 26th, 2017**

Members Present: Chad Hengesbach, Geri Pennell, Trina Pline, Doug Spitzley, Greg Martin

Members Absent: Bill Nurenberg, Bill Irrer

Also Present: Father Eric, Mary Enneking, Darren Thelen

Call the Meeting to Order: Chad Hengesbach called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Father Eric led the opening prayer.

Old Business:

Chad briefed the council on the steam traps in the church. It will be best to do this maintenance in the Summer. More research will be done to determine how many need to be replaced.

New Business:

Darren indicated that the school is doing very well and proposed the idea of putting a freeze on tuition rates for next year. Doug Spitzley then made a motion to approve the tuition freeze for the 2017-18 school year. Trina Pline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The pastoral council and steering committee joined the finance council for the remainder of the meeting to discuss the upcoming diocesan capital campaign. Details of this campaign will be shared with the public in March.

Next Meeting: February 23rd, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Words from the Pastor: Father Eric thanked everyone for attending the meeting and is excited about what we are doing and where we are headed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Closing Prayer: Father Eric led the closing prayer.

Minutes taken by Greg Martin.

These minutes have not been approved by the council. (Approved by Finance Council 2/23/2017)