

OLP FINANCE COUNCIL

December 22, 2014

Members Present:    Msgr. Daniel Pilon                      Julie Flaten                      Karen Gapp  
   Al Koshney                                      Ernest Strube

Msgr. Pilon opened the meeting with a prayer.

Ernest Strube is the newest member of the Finance Council.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

The members helped Msgr. with budget numbers for the upcoming year. There was discussion on a number of issues during the preparation.

The Diocese is proposing to initiate a new stewardship program. Our last attempt at this in our parish did not do well. It was noted that giving is down but it is not known whether this is because we are losing families or that family giving has dropped.

A note will be put in the bulletin that yearend giving has to be in by December 31.

Replacement of shingles will be done in the spring. The valleys have been tarred. Wayne Trudeau has completed repair of the water damage.

Social Hall has wiring already installed so fans can be installed. Wayne said he could do it if Jerry Agnes and Rod Flaten could assist him. There was discussion about having a professional electrician do it instead. Commercial fans can be purchased from Amazon for \$250.00 but members felt we should probably buy them locally. No decision was made about this.

There was discussion on replacing the Cam lights throughout the church and social hall with LED lights. An adaptor is needed and the LED lights although expensive are suppose to last longer. Present lights seem to burn out frequently. It was mentioned that Xcel had a rebate program available and wondered if it would apply to us as well. This will entail a phone call.

The problem we are having with the IRS regarding a refund has been put on hold until February.

The letter to the congregation regarding our lack of funds to repair our furnace has netted \$7,000.00. The parish seems to respond well when a specific need is noted. Some of the upcoming needs are ceiling fans, fix the shingles in the valleys, and a new dishwasher.

An inventory of assets will be completed by Karen the first week of January.

One of the members wondered why a request form for flower donations for Christmas and Easter was not put in the bulletin as it had been in past years. Since we have had a number of changes in clergy and office help this has been overlooked. This will be done in the next bulletin.

Deacon Wally Dalman has been assigned to help Msgr. during his inability to drive to his parish duties, especially for Mass in Hunter on weekends and holy days. He expressed that he doesn't expect to be paid since he is still attached to the parish in Cooperstown. The members feel he should be given a gift card for his service.

Fund raisers for 2016 are various GST luncheons, fall rummage sale, Men's breakfast, Thanksgiving Bingo, and the cookie walk.

The Year of the Family will begin on December 28, the Feast of the Holy Family with a traveling icon and other information regarding family life during the year.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26.