

St. Johns' Catholic Church
Finance Council Meeting
August 17, 2009

Attendees: Father Phil O'Kennedy, Sr. Virginia Rohling, Jo Batson Judy Berkowitz, Greg Curtis, Sydney Dean, Gail Jackson, Joe Newberry, Maynard O'Hara, Greg Thompson. Absent: Rick White.

- 1) Opening Prayer: Father Phil
- 2) The June 1, 2009 minutes and the July financial reports were approved by consent.
- 3) Pastor's Comments
 - a. Fr. Phil welcomed Joe Newberry, the new finance chair, and Maynard O'Hara, who has an insurance background, to the Finance Council.
 - b. Catholic Charities Pledge Sunday is September 26/27, 2009.
- 4) The Director of Religious Education for St. John's resigned effective July 10, 2009. Greg Thompson is currently the acting DRE as well as Youth Minister. By July 1, 2010 a new DRE will be in place. In relation to the church staffing, Joe Newberry presented a report on employee and payroll costs.
- 5) Joe Newberry reported the cost for the 2nd Priest residence was \$149,098.31 and the cost for the Pastoral Associate residence was \$140,688.94.
- 6) New Building Program
 - a. The stain glass window repair project has an estimated cost of \$105,000 to \$110,000.
 - b. Fr. Phil reported the schematics of the Parish Life Center are ready to go to Birmingham and should break ground within the next two- three months.
- 7) Other
 - a. Greg Curtis, Rick White, Joe Newberry and Judy Berkowitz will commence working on the 2010 Budget in October. In September, Ms. Berkowitz will contact the appropriate staff concerning any "out of the ordinary" budget requests for 2010.
 - b. Sydney Dean reported on the evacuation plan she has been working on with the crisis team and will have a draft for Fr. Phil and the Finance Council for the next meeting. Joe Newberry recommended Ms. Dean add Bob Barron to the team.
 - c. An email from James Warren from the Diocese was distributed concerning pandemic influenza education.
- 8) Fr. Phil requests all council members bring the seven goals for the parish and their previous minutes to every meeting.
- 9) Next Meeting
 - a. October 19, 2009 at 6:30 PM.
- 10) Closing Prayer