

**St. Francis Parish Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**June 13, 2017, 6:00-8:00 pm; Brunsman Hall**

exc Debbie Clingingsmith

x Fred Bermudez

x Ann Dufour

   Evelyn Fallon

x Francine Freitas

exc Darrin Greer

x Margaret Healey, Chair

exc Tricia Helm

exc Bob Knapik

x Bob Lavelle

x Dennis Mahoney

exc Jose Michel

x Kent Meyers

x Penny Tafoya

x Bob Reid

x Fr. Des O'Reilly

1. Welcome and Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Margaret.
- Attendance was confirmed by Margaret.
- Jaqui Embs, JD Warrick and Richard Hernandez Staff Members were present
- Judy Miranda and Tom Griffin, Finance Council were present.

5. Opening prayer Bob Reid.

6. Kent M moved to approve minutes as amended, and Jose M seconded.

7. New members were welcomed – Francine Freitas and Fred Bermudez.

8. Parish Budget

- The Harrington Fund is used primarily for the Steps ministry.
- Mardi Gras proceeds were used for the operations budget.
- Tuition Assistance is continued. A single Mother wrote letter of thanks.
- The Harrington Fund Principle was used to cover the shortfall in the Outreach ministries.
- Questions
  - Has the Diocesan Assessment increased? No it remains at 18% of Stewardship donations, and with the decrease, the total amount has decreased.
  - What is the balance of the Harrington Fund Principle? \$1.6 M.
  - What is the cause of the reduced Stewardship donations? Finance Council reviewed the change in the Second Collection Method.
  - Will the reduced Harrington Fund Principle affect the interest? Yes, which will decrease the overall fund over an extended period of time.
  - Have the Mission Collections changed? Yes, the funds collected to the Missions goes to the Diocese for distribution, not a Parish specified Mission.
  - What does Net Income mean? FC gave an explanation of Net Income.
  - Why was there a shortfall in Children's Faith Formation's Book Budget in 2016-17? Not a shortfall, the main texts are changed about every 5 years and the workbook annually.

- Bob R moved to approve Budget, Ann Dufour seconded, 10 voted yes, Kent abstained.

2. Parishioners' Input – None

3. Pastor's Remarks

- The elimination of the Parish Secretary Position
  - Was determined by a workload study.
  - The Parish Secretary duties were distributed among other staff.
  - Bulletin Announcement requesting volunteer Receptionists.
- Some of the reduction in collections is because some Parishioners continue to support the Franciscans directly.
- Faith Formation position
  - Seven applicants, three being interviewed.
  - Kent M expressed concern about the problems caused by Skip Bacon's early departure.
- Thanks to Darrin G and Dennis M for coordinating the Parish Council election.
- Deaf Community is planning to leave St. Francis for a smaller church community with a shorter Mass with less music, and shorter duration.

3. Reports – Building and Grounds

- Restriping of Parking Lot, June 19, 2017
- No parking areas to be labeled
- Bulletin Announcements will encourage compliance

4. Next meeting – Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Will make decision whether to meet in August at that meeting.

5. Closing Prayer – Bob Reid. Next meeting Prayer Leader Kent M

6. Adjourned 7:38

Respectfully Submitted, Penelope Tafoya