

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**  
**Joint Meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils**  
**December 15, 2009**  
**Minutes**

Pastoral Council Members Present: Fr. Dennis, Laura Pitzen, Michael Clements, Monica Kittock Sargent, Tony Sasso, Doug Sitzman, Steve Cunningham

Absent: Joe Folz, Caroll Kelzenberg, Ron Groves

6:35: Opening prayer led by Fr. Dennis

November minutes of the Pastoral Council read and approved. No minutes were available from the Finance Council.

Mark Wood gave a report on the financial condition of the parish. He noted a consistent lag of 3-4% in contributions behind last year pointing out we are down approximately \$19,000 from last year. He also noted expenses were in good shape and cash flow was ok but they were monitoring it closely. Also noted were the projected balance of \$29 K in cash at the end of the year and the shrinking balance on the building debt, projected to be under \$2.2 M within the next couple of months

Financial statement read and approved.

Fr. Dennis reported that there were 7 applicants for the music director position, two of which were from out of state. He was conducting the first interviews today and tomorrow. Hopefully a selection will be made by mid January.

Michael Clements volunteered to serve as Parish Council liaison to the Finance Council.

A discussion of current budget trends. Mark W. handed out a copy of the Notes From The Finance Council that is going into the Messenger. The Notes are meant to give a financial update to parishioners. He noted that our parish is in good financial shape but there is still a definite need and that we are down.

A discussion of SCRIP purchase noted that it is going up but there is still room to improve. There also needs to be a push to promote the book store.

Several ideas for outreach were talked about including a parish census, greeters, once a month orientation for newcomers, etc.

Other items for the Parish Council: When asking for project dollars keep in mind that the building now is, and will be, in need of some maintenance that will take additional dollars.

An overview of the budget timetable noted that by the May meeting budgets should be squared away. A need for input during the process is appreciated.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 by Charlie seconded by Doug.