

**St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church  
FINANCE COMMISSION**

Minutes  
January 18, 2011

Present: Fr. Jerry, Pat Fair, Patti Leopard, Joe McBride, Mike Hagler, Matt Nieman, Jimmy Carrick

Absent: Pat Douglas, Gene McManus, Jim Purcell, Dori Thorstad, Harry Dolyniuk

Pat Fair called the meeting to order at 5pm. Fr. Jerry opened with a prayer.

The minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Jimmy Carrick presented estimates for replacing the roof on St. Anne's hall. Estimates are in the \$9000 range. He also suggested covering the exterior trim with vinyl and reinstalling gutters to reduce ongoing maintenance. Estimated cost is \$3200. The committee agreed to these expenditures.

The committee reviewed the current financials. No concerns except for the lagging offertory.

Pledges are \$250,000 less than last year. This is due to 70 less pledges being turned in. This is a real concern. Fr. Jerry said that the stewardship committee is making phone calls to those that haven't returned pledge cards.

Discussed Southern Cross collection. The diocese assesses St Mary's approximately \$24,000 annually for the Southern Cross and we only receive around \$7000 each year from the special collection. It was suggested to make an appeal from the pulpit to try to narrow the gap. Also, it was suggested that more communication from the pulpit when it is time to collect would be helpful. It is believed that most parishioners don't understand that it's important to use the So. Cross envelope.

The next finance meeting is scheduled for **March 15, 2011 at 5pm** in the Parish Hall. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Fair