

St Mary on the Hill Catholic Church
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes
Feb 1, 2017

Finance Members Present: Fr Jerry Ragan, Bill Cashin, Don Bailie, Nick Gladd, Matt Johnson, Sally Melton, Jim Purcell, Joe McBride, Dori Thorstad

The meeting opened with a prayer at 5pm.

Minutes: The November 16, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted with no corrections.

Financial Statements: The December financial statements were sent to the committee a few days before the meeting for their review. No concerns were raised.

Diocese of Savannah School Staff Salary Changes: Joe McBride reported to the committee that the Diocesan Schools office had informed the schools that they would have to use the state of Georgia salary scale to determine staff salaries beginning in the 2017-2018 school year rather than going by the county scale (state scale adjusted with local school system funds) where your school is located. Historically SMCS salaries were a % of the Richmond County prior school year salary scale – most recently 90%. Moving to the state scale will result in different percentages based on where current salaries fall, in addition to possible increase limitations in the future.

Columbarium: Bill Cashin informed the committee that the start-up funds and income from Columbarium niche sales has paid the construction costs to date but any bills from this point on will be paid from church funds. Future sales will eventually cover the entire cost of the project.

Priority Plan: Fr Jerry informed the committee that as a result of the parish planning sessions with Fr Kastl the first step is to fill a new position, Director of Mission, who will be the office administrator and manage the priority plan implementation.

AHS Assistance: Fr Jerry thanked the committee for their support and commitment of the \$100,000 in tuition assistance requested by AHS for St Mary practicing parishioners. The plan is to pattern this assistance after Grace (need based) to help cover the tuition cost for their 4 years at Aquinas. The hope is to make this an annual commitment thus adding 5 new students a year.

The **next meeting** to review the fy2018 budgets will be **March 22, 2017 at 5pm** in the parish hall.

There being no further business the meeting ended with a prayer at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dori Thorstad