

MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL STIEVENARD MEETING

July 13, 2011

PRESENT: Mark Zurlinden, Fr. Bill, Tim Geers, Charlie Quehl, Paul Justice, Donna Thompson and Janet Davis

ABSENT: Kathy Waldeck

REVIEW: Tim reviewed Bahl & Gaynor signators. Tim will have Diane removed and will find out if 1 or 2 signatures are required when writing checks. If two are required, Tim will then appoint someone from council to be an additional signer, besides Fr Bill and Tim.

Council reviewed a couple of items that were approved last meeting to pay out.

Mark has spoken to Fr Benedict concerning the possibility of sponsoring a seminarian. After much discussion Mark proposed we donate \$2,000 per year for the next 5 years, to sponsor seminarian with financial need, Tim seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. (Kathy had filed a proxy with Fr. Bill stating that Tim could vote for her on any vote taken for this meeting - as required in the Declaration of Uses voting requirements.

After much review of Tom Salerno's proposal on tuition assistance, council decided to put to a motion - that the Stievenard fund will donate \$20,000 for 1 school year (2011-2012) for tuition assistance, to REPLACE the current \$20,000 that is made available from the church's operating expenses. It was decided that it would be done for 1 year, due to the fact that changes are coming September 2012 to the schools in the Archdiocese. Paul made the motion, Janet seconded it. Charlie expressed concern over spending too much of the Stievenard fund; council reviewed that \$40,000 is committed to tithing each year as voted on by council. Motion was approved, unanimously.

Another idea for donations was to possibly help Jim Sears in Batavia at the Christian Help Center. Mark to look into getting a brochure and more information about the place to the next meeting.

MORE DISCUSSION: Council again discussed the issue of the deficit that the parish runs annually. Insurance premiums still have not been paid (as of 4/10/11 the amount due was \$93,631.32 plus \$11,739.94 which is due each month in premiums plus a late fee of 1% on the unpaid balance. Council discussed this issue at length. Tim made the motion to pay \$50,000 towards the unpaid insurance premiums and that council would revisit this issue in the near future once exact balances are brought to council. Fr. Bill seconded the motion. Six in favor, 1 opposed, motion passed (again, Tim voted for Kathy, having the proxy on file as required. Also, Paul had to leave early, so he did not vote on this motion).

Two dates were chosen for future Stievenard meetings: Wednesday, August 24th & Wednesday, October 26th.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 24, 2011