

Parish Finance Council

Minute Summary for 19 May 2011

01. Evening Prayer opened and closed the meeting.
02. The review of the Diocese of LaCrosse Conflict of Interest Policy was tabled and will be reviewed at a meeting when all members are present.
03. Building and Grounds/Parish Center, regarding the replacement of the flooring in the computer lab, library and music room. The abatement of the tile flooring in the library is estimated at \$1700 (\$1.70 per square foot) plus transport fees. One-half of the computer lab would need to be abated. The music room requires the replacement of the carpeting; the tile was removed 25 years ago.
04. Funding has been offered by the Saint Mark Ladies Council, a NCS project, and a parish member. Depending in the estimates, and whether the entire computer lab will be carpeted or the half as now, the priority is the computer lab, library, and then the music room.
05. Building and Grounds/Parish Center, prioritized are the following: check the roof drains, replace the motor that activates the urinal flushing system (West Hall), the tempering valve (East Hall), the air dryer (thermostat system), prune the maple tree east of the parish center entrance, add a 20 amp circuit to the NCS Schools Office; at the rectory: furnace repair and replacement of the kitchen sink, power wash and restraining the deck. These will be cared for in this order as the parish budget allows.
06. 2012 Parish Budget. The budgeted departments are in process of drafting a first proposal for the June, Parish Finance Council meeting.
07. NCS Parish Investment Formula Ad Hoc Committee. There has been no communication since March. Noted is that the "protection of turf" attitude of the first meeting was, well the quotation marks have been removed. Second, the minutes seem to indicate that regardless of the formula, the actual funding per parish remains basically the same; in other words the current formula is not all that poor or unfair as perceived. Third, the issue is that Newman Catholic Schools is budgeted 1.9 million from the parishes . . . the issue is to develop a strategy to raise additional funding and thus not destroy the parish financially . . . this, many agree with but action is another issue.
08. Budget Review of Income/Expenses to Date. Parish members are commended for maintaining a commitment to the parish budget during these times. Noted is the bills are being paid but with a deficit of \$35,000 in tithe . . . there are no funds for emergency or needed improvements that the councils have listed, hence, the priority in 06. above and the lack of any funding for 05 above.