**Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – September 26, 2017**

ATTENDEES: Fr. Walter Dziordz, Mike Clark (chairman), Dave Bertram, Bill Lucas, Joe Phillips, Mike Murphy, Kellie Moore (Business Manager/Parish Manager)

 AGENDA

1. – Council Member Terms
2. – School Business
3. – Year End Financial Results
4. – Sunday Offertory
5. – Donation to Parish
6. –Stewardship Update
7. – Additional Business

The meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Walter

# DISCUSSION

 **1– Council Member Terms:** Mike Clark completed the term of his position as finance council chairman. Fr Walter requested Mike remain on council to work on the stewardship program and he accepted. Joe Phillips was asked to accept the role of finance council chairman effective October 1, 2017, which he accepted. Fr Walter asked Bill Chromizky to join the council and he accepted. All other current members will remain on the council at this time.

**2– School Business:**  The council reviewed and discussed the September school board recommendations made to the principal. The council supported their recommendations and also discussed the current enrollment deficit and progress of the expanded preschool program. A status update on the school technology plan was given.

**3-Year End Financials:**  The 16/17 year end results and Diocesan reports were reviewed. A detailed parishioner report will be published both hardcopy and on the parish website in early November. The parish closed the fiscal year with a surplus. In addition, the capital campaign pledges are being fulfilled as scheduled.

**4–Sunday Offertory:**  The first quarter 17/18 results for Sunday offertory reflected a budget deficit

of $10,000. An offertory giving analysis for the fiscal year 16/17 was presented for discussion.

**5-Donation to Parish:** A $10,000 donation was given to the parish from the trust of a parishioner who passed away this year. The donation is unrestricted but the family indicated they would ask it be directed toward a beautification project for the parish. A motion was made and approved that the donation would be dedicated to new landscaping and trees for the church grounds.

**6-Stewardship Update**: Dc Vonesh is working on the stewardship program with our development consultants. A proposal of the program will be circulated in October for review and approval to all councils. The stewardship program is scheduled to launch in the fall/winter of 2017.

7-**Additional Business** – A new Strategic Planning Committee was discussed with Fr Walter. The committee would consist of ministry and staff leaders and focus on specific areas of the parish and school. The Diocese acknowledged our parish again exceeded our goal for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) and the parish are expecting the budgeted rebate of $35,000 in early fall. The parish will have several Marian Fathers visiting us over the next few months to assist with masses and daily needs of the parish and school.

Next Finance Council meeting – Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 at 6:30 pm