

**Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – February 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm**

ATTENDEES: Rev. Walter Dziordz, Pastor, Rev. Mark Baron, Dave Bertram, Mike Clark, Bill Chromizky, Bill Lucas, Kellie Moore -Business Manager, Mike Murphy, and Sandra Sobotka

AGENDA

- 1 – School Business
- 2 – Parish Business
- 3 – Facility Planning
- 4 – Financial Reports

The meeting opened with a prayer at 6:10 pm

**DISCUSSION**

**1 - School Business:** Discussed the preliminary school budget for the 2019-2020 school year, including projected enrollment and staffing. The parish investment in education will be increased due to the projected decreased enrollment and other fixed costs.

The principal search process is active and the Catholic Schools office will continue to provide approved candidates.

The T.R.I.P. program will be eliminated at the end of May, 2019. The system requires a high degree of administration and has less than five families using the program. There will be a final audit in June and the inventory will be utilized by Food Pantry and other parish ministries.

Additional planning sessions will be needed to determine the ways to educate parishioners on the benefits of enrolling in Empower Illinois to provide scholarship funds for OLP students.

The use and benefits of the Endowment Fund were discussed. The program will remain active.

**2 – Parish Business:** It was discussed whether or not the parish needs to continue using the auxiliary police to direct traffic before and after weekend masses. The business office will contact the Darien police regarding the feasibility of making the parking lot exit onto Plainfield Road right turn only with the intent to no longer use the auxiliary police on a weekly basis.

**3 - Facility Planning:** Proposals have been received and the contract was awarded to rework all of the church doors mechanical parts, frames, and structural integrity and appearance to like new condition. The proposal was reviewed and approved to replace the three rectory garage doors.

**4 - Financial Reports:** The financial reports were reviewed and reflected that the parish expenses are budget and the offertory collections are running slightly ahead of budget.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:20 PM.

**Next Finance Council Meeting – Monday April 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM**