

Finance Council Minutes  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
January 10, 2012

Members Present: Marie Dummer, Janice Dvoracek, Pat Stephens, Larry Warzynski  
Father John Parr

Excused: Bob Heiderscheit, Sister Bridget Donaldson OSB, Deacon Matthew Ludick

Meeting opened with proclamation of the Gospel for Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time.

Minutes of December meeting approved as submitted.

Council members examined the monthly and annual financial statements. No concerns expressed.

Discussion was held regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The parish is about \$32,000 under target with only 20% of registered parishioners participating. The appeal closes at the end of June 2012 at which time the amount under target will be added to the parish debt. Father Parr will make an announcement at weekend Masses encouraging fuller participation. Last year the parish also failed to reach its goal though the shortfall this year is much greater.

Council members also observed that the parish fell far short of its goal (\$1,644,668.00) for the We Belong to Christ Campaign. About 25% per parishioners contributed to the campaign. The campaign raised the required amount for the diocese and thus the remaining amount will not become parish debt.

Council members discussed salaries for parish staff. At the next meeting Father Parr will provide information regarding current salaries, pay schedules and past practices. Council members agreed that our parish staff provides exceptional service.

Council members discussed the joint meeting held with the pastoral council regarding the interest of Bethany-St. Joseph in purchasing a parcel of parish property. Council members approved the sale in theory and will pursue answers to various questions in order to advance the matter.

Meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7.