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Capital Campaign Update:

- Pledges to date are 476 for a total of \$1,028,549 (including the \$10,000 penny pledge), an increase of \$459 from last month. Of the total parishioner pledges of \$1,018,549 (excluding the penny pledge), total pledges paid to date are \$672,120 (65.9% of the total pledge amount). The pledge balance due is \$346,429 or 34.1% of the total pledge amount.
- There are 14 parishioners who have not yet made a payment against their outstanding pledge representing a total of \$11,838 (3.4% of balance due). We have 155 parishioners who have paid off their pledge with the total amount to \$193,815.
- Our penny pledge total to date is \$9,154.32. We have received additional deposits towards the campaign for Memorials of \$4,185 and Donations of \$2,020.
- To date we have not received any responses to the 613 non-pledge letters which were sent out. This is a bit discouraging as there are currently fewer pledgers than non-pledgers at this point.
- Brian Quinn presented a cash flow status report concerning the renovations to our Finance Committee on May 11.

Building Expansion Update:

- Father gave a brief update. The project was a month late in starting due to obtaining the necessary permits.
- We will have 4 TV's installed, 2 in the back and 2 on the front sides. We are still working on placement of the speakers.
- We will use/keep the air conditioning chiller from the office and the air handler from the other building.
- A closet will be built in the corner of the Narthex closest to Quinn Hall. The tile flooring in the Narthex is also scheduled to be redone. The current statue of St. Columbkil in the Narthex will be moved downstairs to the base of the steps. A marble statue of St. Columba which we are acquiring from a church in N.E. Philadelphia will take its place.

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- Cost of the HVAC unit is approximately \$66,000. We are hoping to start on this in late June. They will not ship the equipment without payment.
- Ambit Energy: Joe Burke was at our last meeting and gave a presentation on their company. They require a minimum of 15 customers to switch from their current energy suppliers to theirs and then the parish will receive a monthly payment based on usage. We decided that we would think about it and make a decision at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds: See Building Expansion above.

Parish Life:

- We had a Vocation Celebration on May 7 with a seminarian and 2 IHM sisters. Our Graduation luncheon will be held on June 4 at 12 Noon.

Finance:

- We met on May 11 to go over our actual vs. budgeted expenses, where we are year-to-date and to forecast for the balance of the year. We also looked at our 2017/2018 budget. We are looking at an approximately \$2,000 shortfall. We should finish with +\$31,000 for the year. Our review for year-end is complete for the 2016/2017 year. Our biggest concern is our declining collections. Weekly collections range from a low of \$13,462 to a high of \$14,862.

Fundraising:

- The Pellman cake sale netted a profit of \$528. The planning of the 1st Annual St. Columbkil Golf Outing is progressing at a good pace. As of today we have 52 golfers or 13 foursomes. We have \$2,950 in paid sponsorships. We have secured a Hole in One Prize...a Car is to be placed on a Par 3 Hole. Many other raffle and skill prizes, including tickets to various sporting events and memorabilia, have been secured.
- We are also working on next year's schedule.

Knights of Columbus:

There are several categories in which we participate.

Church: Adopt a Seminarian – Matthew Kuna was here last week for Vocations. We will be assisting with the Golf Outing on June 10.

Community: Par Recycling will be here on Saturday, June 16 from 10-2. We will assist with an existing project for Habitat for Humanity rather than taking on an entire project ourselves. We will be adopting a stretch of highway for the PennDot Adopt a Highway Program.

Council: We will be selling C.O.A.L. (Chance of a Lifetime) Tickets which benefit the State Council Knights Scholarship Program. We will also be selling Football Sweepstakes Tickets in late August.

Culture of Life: No definite date yet for the Rose Drive.

Public Relations: George DeFrehn has our website ready and will do a demonstration at our June Officers Meeting.

Youth: No report.

Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul:

- Mother's Day Cards and Carnation Sale raised \$728 for Lifeline of Berks County. We hosted the Reading Soup Kitchen May 6/7. St. Vincent DePaul assisted with 1 electric bill in March and 1 rental payment in April. We will have a Christmas in July collection of items for Boyertown Multi-Service.

Evangelization: No report.

Youth Group:

- We had approximately 10-15 kids in their Holy Week Missionaries yellow shirts at the May 14 May Crowning with one of our students crowning Mary! We will have a Movie Night on May 20 to watch God's Not Dead with dinner and discussion. We have a t-shirt contest going on for students to design the summer t-shirts.
- Mission Trip is quickly approaching. There is 1 more student spot to be filled. Young adults age 18-28 can also go but they must have all their clearances. Send off Mass for the Mission Trip is Saturday, June 17 at the 5pm Mass. Steubenville is July 14-16. Send-off Mass for this will be on July 9 at the 11 am Mass.
- Heather is thinking about starting a teen council for youth group next year. The students want to start meeting 2 times a month!

Staff Items:

- Plaques have been obtained for contributions received for various items. The Chapel plaque will be dedicated to Bunny Slavin, who bequeathed our parish with over \$100K. We are looking at making a pamphlet for new parishioners.

Suggestion Box: Candle donations.

Our next Council meeting will be held on June 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.