

Minutes of the Finance Committee
St. Thomas Church
February 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The following members were present:

Fr. Cooney, Fr. Johnson, Scott Arentsen, John Eberhart, Don Frey, Mari Hengelbrok, Wil Martin, Mary Paula Schuh, Maggie Taul, Erich Wagner and Lauren Meyer

The first order of business was the approval of the January 18, 2011 minutes.

Next, The Board of Education was happy to report that during the open house on January 30, there were 26 new families looking at both St. Thomas School and the Parish. Next year's enrollment remains open.

As we continue to discuss ways of balancing the budget, the Board also reported that their policy committee is reviewing their current policy regarding the STS tuition rates for our teachers.. When polling the other schools in the diocese, the rates ranged from 0% paid by the teacher for tuition to 100%. Most parishes offered their teachers a 50% reduced rate of in school tuition.

Sharon Bressler continues to apply for grants that will pay for the teacher specialists ie, the Raskob Foundation and grants to the Diocese for tuition assistance ie Dominoe's Legato.

The next order of business was to discuss other ways to balance the budget. The wedding fee for the rental of the church was increased to \$300. This fee did not include the musician fee, or donations for the clergy and/or alter servants. Last year there were 23 weddings at St. Thomas Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.