

Date: 10/19/23

Title: Finance Council Meeting

All Present: Fr. Biju, Pete Benzing, Rachel Persson, Mark Nicolai, Brandon Flock, Gary Flock, Leo Leis and Melissa Schaub. Louisa Petersen joined later.

Notes recorded by Rachel Persson

1. Called to order at 6:31pm with Opening Prayer
2. Additions to Agenda: Rachel proposed creating a fundraising committee.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2023
  - a. No questions were raised, motioned for approval by Pete, seconded by Leo and approved by all.
4. Review of August and September Expense Reports.
  - a. Light discussion of the fee from Allied Coop. Have to check with Mike Hundt to see why we were charged for the new line.
  - b. Reviewed the docs with no follow up questions.
  - c. We have roughly \$8K available in the Inspired by the Spirit account., but it does not match what Melissa says we should have, so she will be asking for the statements from the diocese for us to review next meeting.
  - d. Motioned for approval by Mark, seconded by Leo and passed in unison.
5. Updates from Father
  - a. Inspired by the Spirit campaign: we have 98K pledged and 34K received so far.
  - b. Annual Appeal begins in the coming weekend and letters will go out into the mail soon.
  - c. Eucharistic Miracles display is here. We owe \$200 for hosting the displays. Bl. Carlo Acutis relic was displayed and returned. There are books on sales through the weekend. We will need to cut a check to the Shrine for any books sold.
  - d. Fr. Biju is leaving for a pilgrimage. Any checks that need signed will have to be done by Pat Lucey. We are in need of a new signer but want to wait to change it til after there is a new priest installed for simplicity sake.
6. Updates on Action Items
  - a. Ceiling Repairs – per Pete: hanging in there waiting on contact from Poellinger. They are evading us. We are going to the insurance company and threatening to accept another bid, but really don't want to. We need Poellinger to do the work they quoted us for. Gently pursuing them still.
  - b. Lot Line – per Pete: no movement. Waiting on survey company.
  - c. Asbestos abatement – Mike Hundt has a contact that is willing to do the work for \$5k. We need his insurance papers, contact info, and written bid to agree to. Melissa will contact him to ask for this. This is our next most important priority for repairs.
  - d. Visitor Donation Envelopes – Brandon has not heard back; Rachel taking over.
  - e. Building projects/repair
    - I. East, West Door and bell tower – Krause stopped calling Gary back. Project on hold til we hear from them. Swatches were passed around for colors on the doors and agreed upon.
    - II. Rectory porch windows – brandon's contact said next July til they can get to it. Getting the runaround from the Board Store, but waiting for their quote.
    - III. Mega-Fan update: Mark has no rental place for a lift. Need help with scaffolding from John Hundt for installation. Just pick a weekend and people will come help install.
    - IV. Focus on energy rebate: cannot do anything til asbestos is gone. Project on hold.
    - V. Sound system update quite is forthcoming.
7. Secretarial items
  - a. Diocesan Roundtable: a new program called flocknote is being rolled out soon.

- b. New missals are due in Nov, envelopes are already here this year.
  - c. Melissa is getting a new chair tomorrow.
  - d. K of C will be here Nov 5 for their meeting.
8. Pastoral Committee report: from Pete
- a. They discussed the Eucharistic miracles display
  - b. First Friday communions and no other updates.
9. Cemetery Committee given by Leo Leis
- a. Note that the downstairs back door was accidentally left open. Reminder to all to close and lock it. Need a sign that says to pull shut tightly behind you.
  - b. 13 headstones are fixed. Waiting on 8 more.
10. New Business:
- a. Pete serviced the snowblower and noted that all equipment needs yearly service.
  - b. Rachel proposed a fundraising committee that is chaired by one person from Finance Council and one person from Pastoral Council.
    - i. This group will look into bulletin advertising.
  - c. Pete added: flammables cabinet outside. Everyone look at it and be prepared to vote on it next meeting. Selling to parish for \$350.
  - d. Fr. Thanked all for help with sauerkraut supper. Discussion on putting a ramp to basement for ADA compliant access.
11. Schedule next meeting – Set for 6:30pm on Dec 19, 2023.
12. Closing prayer and motion to adjourn was at 7:57 pm. Motioned by Gary. Meeting Adjourned.

To-Do's:

- Melissa to get statement and ledger for the Inspired by the Spirit account from the diocese to share with us.
- Melissa to contact Mike Hundt and get his asbestos contact info.
- Rachel to look into pew donation cards.
- Everyone look and research on flammables cabinet and be prepared to vote.