

Date: 12/19/23

Title: Finance Council Meeting

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

Notes recorded by Rachel Persson

1. Called to order at 6:35pm with prayer led by Gary Flock.
2. Additions to Agenda: Melissa added letter from neighbor.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2023
  - a. Item 4a from last time was changed to read "locate" charge.
  - b. Motioned for approval by Brandon, seconded by Mark and approved by all.
4. Review of October and November Expense Reports.
  - a. Brandon asked about the ParishSoft Charges and melissa assured us that those are required by the Diocese and we do not use the software more than is needed.
  - b. A check was cut to Therese Slattery for a special choir training.
  - c. Mention made by Pete that we should talk next time about moving some moneys around into money markets so that we can get better interest.
  - d. All agreed that will be discussed next time.
  - e. Motioned for approval by Pete, seconded by Brandon, approved by all.
5. Updates from Father
  - a. Inspired by the Spirit campaign: no updates.
  - b. Annual Appeal: paid in \$5k-ish and we still need about \$6K-ish.
  - c. No other updates.
6. Updates on Action Items
  - a. Ceiling Repairs – per Pete: Poellinger will be getting it done this winter.
  - b. Lot Line – per Pete: no movement. Waiting on survey company.
  - c. Asbestos abatement – will start work after Jan 1. Roughly \$5K plus \$1750 for the paperwork. We also have to cover cost of a dumpster, need to check on special dump fee. Volunteers needed to remove the panels, Pete and Gary volunteered. Must have two weeks notice to make sure tiles are removed.
  - d. Visitor Donation Envelopes – ordering 350 of them to be in pews at Christmas.
  - e. Building projects/repair
    - I. East, West Door and bell tower – all set, but backlogged, Krause hoping to start repairs in the spring.
    - II. Rectory porch windows – quote from the board store was outrageous. Add this to next meetings agenda.
    - III. Mega-Fan update: installed. Thank you to volunteers! Mark is finishing up the wiring. Pete questions when to run the fan, light discussion about it but no consensus was reached. Mark mentioned putting a timer to control the fan speed on it, and that was tabled for next meeting. All in favor of getting Daryl Kammel a \$100 Kwik Trip gift card as a big thank-you for helping with fan install. No one volunteered to get it.
    - IV. Focus on energy rebate: cannot do anything til asbestos is gone. Project on hold.
7. Secretarial items
  - a. SIMS Sound quote: fee was too high for us, but now when someone complains about it, we can tell them the quote so that they know we have looked into it.
  - b. Mail from Sean Stack says his rental trailer is becoming a short-term rental, he was required to notify us.
8. Select New Chairperson: Mark Nicolai voted in and began leading the meeting.
9. New Business:

- a. Flammable storage cabinet: voted on after Pete left the room, all in favor of purchasing for the garage. Motioned by Rachel, seconded by Louisa, approved by all. Pete asks that a check be cut for only \$300 and the remaining \$50 be moved to the general fund as a donation.
  - b. Ramp or Chair Lift: discussed. Mark will investigate ADA regulations before next meeting.
  - c. New fundraising Committee: Rachel will write blurb for bulletin asking for members. Committee will plan fundraisers and report back to finance council for approval.
10. Pastoral Committee report: from Pete
- a. Sauerkraut Supper profited roughly \$12K and PCCW decided to give roughly \$10K to church's general fund. No other news.
11. Cemetery Committee given by Leo Leis
- a. Nothing new. Work will be done beginning again in spring. Leo mentioned he might be able to fix smaller stones on his own. Still searching for contacts for roughly 40 headstones.

Closed session began at 7:40pm.

12. Schedule next meeting – Set for 6:30pm on Feb 26, 2023.

13. Closing prayer and motion to adjourn was at 8:03 pm. Motioned by Gary. Meeting Adjourned.

To-Do's:

- Mark to add moving funds to new accounts, and rectory window repairs to new agenda.
- Mark to look into ADA regulations regarding chair lift or ramp.
- Rachel to order pew donation cards, and make sure they are in pews by Christmas.
- Rachel to write blurb for bulletin RE: fundraising committee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to get \$100 gift card for Daryl Kammel.