

**St. Peter Parish
Finance Council Meeting
August 22, 2023, 6:30pm**

Meeting was called to order by Gary Flock at 6:43pm. All members were present except Rachel Persson and Mark Nicolai.

Father Biju led us in opening prayer.

MOTION to approve Meeting Minutes from June 13 meeting and July 24 meetings Louisa/SECOND Leo. VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ADDITION TO AGENDA: Urgent Tree Trimming and removal around rectory and church after recent storm. Brandon will ask Mike Leis of Miller Tree Service for a bid. Pete will check on a second bid as well.

REVIEW OF FINANCES:

Melissa went over the expenditure reports. MOTION to approve June and July reports as reviewed Pete/SECOND Brandon. VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. The diocese asked Melissa to make some changes on some of the reporting – such as breaking out Father’s salary differently and expenses related to religious education. Pete clarified that total amounts will be the same just that they will be allocated differently throughout the year.

The 2023-24 FY Budget was discussed at length. Pete’s MOTION to approve budget for \$1870/week/SECOND Brandon. VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

UPDATES FROM FATHER:

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign monies continues to come in. As of the meeting there were \$98,325 pledged and \$33,205 monies received. Following the 20%/80% allocations, \$17,764 was immediately available to the parish for designated projects. A new financial appeal will begin at the end of October.

There will be a Eucharistic Exhibition October 16-31 with relics from Blessed Carlo Acutis. We are requested to contribute a minimum of \$200 for this travelling exhibit.

Father Biju plans to embark on a trip to Poland October 24-Nov 2 of this year. He plans to visit the Pope Saint John Paul II locations, Auschwitz, and the Convent of Saint Faustina. Our prayers will be with him on this trip.

October 3 will be the next Cemetery Committee Meeting.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES:

Pete reported on the sanctuary ceiling repair, still waiting to hear on a start date but still on Poellinger’s schedule.

The Lot line surveys by the ball diamond will be completed by La Crosse Engineering and Surveying.

Asbestos removal is expected for late November. Melissa is waiting to hear from the Diocesan approved contractor.

LP Fuel has been contracted with Allied Cooperative through parishioner Mike Hundt farm account. Price will be \$1.29/gallon and our usage last year was 4,174 gallons.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:

Discussion before and during the meeting on the quality of work of the paint job on the bell tower windows. The members present were in favor of paying the current window invoice with the request that some of the work gets cleaned up.

The door replacement in the bell tower was discussed at length. Two bids were reviewed – a replacement wood door set and installation from Joseph’s Workshop: Ryant Designs (\$8296) and a fiberglass door set installed by Krause (\$11,285). Gary noted that a wood door set would have many years of maintenance in the future and we should budget about \$3000 for it’s upkeep. Most comments were in favor of low maintenance doors. VOTE: 4 YES and 1 NO to approve Krause bid. VOTE PASSED.

Rectory front porch windows were discussed before and during the meeting. Pete recommended going with full length replacement windows and not repairing the upper aged decorative window pieces. The back porch windows should be scraped and painted. May need aluminum storm windows, Pete advised this item could wait, but costs should still be investigated. Gary will call the Board Store and Brandon will call Danny Frederick.

Mega fan for the sanctuary is in. Mark Nicolai and Mike Hundt will install. Gary suggested the forward most fan currently in the sanctuary for the location. To be determined.

Louisa reported on the basement lighting project. The parish is eligible to receive grant funding through the Wisconsin Focus on Energy program. The lighting needs to be picked from their list of approved fixtures and Louisa volunteered to handle the paperwork. To be researched further after asbestos removal from basement ceiling has been completed.

SECRETARIAL UPDATES: Melissa reported a postcard mailing for a free consult to analyze our sound system. She will pursue it.

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE: Pete said the Pastoral Council hadn’t met since our last Finance Council meeting and there was nothing new to report.

CEMETARY COMMITTEE REPORT: Leo announced that 11 of the most leaning head stones have been fixed. There are 14 smaller ones on the list to be fixed yet. A new list has been started for additional needs and collection of family contact information continues. The Finance Council acknowledges and appreciates Leo Leis’ work on this project.

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 6:30pm.

Father Biju led us in closing prayer. MOTION to adjourn Brandon/SECOND Leo. Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louisa Peterson

AFTER THE MEETING VIA EMAIL DISCUSSIONS on SEPT 1 and SEPT 6, 2023:

The urgent tree trimming/removal/ stump grinding bids were discussed. Miller Tree Service (\$3500) and Larry Wuensch (\$3200). Brandon Flock offered to purchase the wood for his outdoor stove for \$300. Pete, Leo, Gary, Brandon and Louisa spoke up in favor of the Miller Tree Service bid and accepted Brandon’s offer for the wood. No comments against this action. Work to be completed before Sauerkraut Supper.