

# St. Patrick's Parish Finance Council

## Meeting Minutes

### April 20, 2016

**Members Present:** Dennis Makoutz, acting chair; Father Joseph Pete; Lisa Meyer, Bookkeeper; Deacon David Dose; Gary Timm; and Connie Wittek.

The meeting was convened at 7 p.m. by Dennis Makoutz. Father Pete led our opening prayer by reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians on the Eucharist.

A number of additions were made to the agenda.

Minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved as published.

**Financials:** Lisa Meyer presented the Balance Sheet through March, 2016, the Statement of Activities January through March 2016, as well as the Statement of Activities fiscal year-to-date. Members took a lengthy look at the documents. There were questions, discussion, and approval of the reports. Bank statements were also reviewed and signed for our records. Lisa was thanked for all the time she spends keeping the books for our parish.

**Water Softener:** The water softener and filter in the Parish Hall need to be replaced. A bid for \$ 1350.00 which includes a 3-year warranty on parts and labor was approved.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2015 and 2016:** Even though the diocese extended the deadline for 2015 contributions from parishioners to the end of March, 2016, St. Patrick's still came up short about \$1,115.00. The parish will need to pay this difference. It was noted that in 2014, an anonymous donor paid the shortfall.

For the 2016 campaign, the St. Patrick's assessment has increased by about 10% to \$ 6,250.00. This increase is thought to be, in part, because the number of households in our parish has increased. In addition, Father thought that because 18 – 20 parishes in the diocese are closing this summer, the remaining parishes need to pick up that lost revenue. Apparently many of our parishioners did not receive the recent mailing regarding the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Father Pete will contact the diocese to request that the envelopes be resent.

**Lawn Care:** Tom Laqua will again be maintaining the lawn on both the church and the cemetery properties. He will be paid the same rate as last season. His wages are shared 50/50 by the parish and the cemetery fund.

**Parish Land Rental:** The seven acres behind the parish buildings will again be rented out during the coming growing season.

**Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester and Camp Summit:** The Steubenville Conference will be held in Rochester July 15-17 for students who have graduated from eighth grade through high schoolers. Young people from the five-state area will be attending. We want St. Patrick's to be well-represented. Camp Summit is for students going into grades 6 – 8 and is held in August. Registration for both events is due shortly. The Finance Council approved a motion by Gary Timm to provide \$ 3000.00 from the parish budget to allow our youth to participate in these two excellent opportunities. In the event that this sum will not cover the entire expense, Father Pete will have a second collection to give parishioners the chance to support our young people in this way. Julie Makoutz, Amy Cronin and George Meyer will be asked to make a real push to recruit as many students as possible from our Faith Formation classes.

**Finance Council Membership:** Bill Schlagenhaft recently offered to resign from his position on the Finance Council since he is always in Arizona in the winter and misses two of the four meetings. This item was tabled until next fall's meeting.

**Refinishing the altar's wood floor:** The hardwood floor in the altar area may need to be sanded and refinished. Deacon David will do some checking, have a professional look at it, and collect a bid prior to our July meeting. He will report back then.

**LP Gas:** Dennis Makoutz will speak with the AgPartners rep to see if we ought to lock into the current price (\$ 1.04) now, or if there is no need.

**Box for AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and First Aid Kit:** Our parish now has an AED unit. It will be placed in the back of church, since, on average, far more people are in the church building than in the parish hall. If needed, it could be brought over to the church hall for big events. Deacon David will talk with a cabinet maker to see about building a box that would hold both the AED unit and the First Aid kit.

The next meeting of the St. Patrick's Finance Council will be Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:05 with an Our Father for our parish youth led by Father Pete.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance M. Wittek, Secretary