

St. Francis of Assisi Parish/Finance Council Mtg. Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2021

Present: Veryl Burghardt, Rick Fink, Sue Frey, Elaine Reicks, Bonnie West, Kurt Wood, Maureen Johnson (SJWC Business Manager), Cincy Jacob (Recorder).

Absent: Rollin Fink, Tammy Ingels, Anne Sellers, Fr. Komboh

SFA Parish Council

I. Opening Prayer: Led by Kurt Wood.

II. Approval of Agenda: Veryl Burghardt motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Rick Fink, motion carried.

III. Approval of November Mtg. Minutes: Rick Fink motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Sue Frey, motion carried.

IV. Cluster Reports:

A. Cluster Pastoral Council:

- a. COVID protocols are unchanged from Archbishop Jackels;
- b. Strategic Planning Survey determined what we need to focus on for the next two years: 1) What do we need to do to get parishioners back to church 2) Religious Education.
- c. The Council voted to return celebration of First Communion to the individual parishes going forward.

B. Faith Formation Commission:

- a. NCYC will take place this year in November.
- b. The Cluster Net Retreat will take place March 28th for Jr. High Students.

C. Liturgy Committee:

- a. Ash Wednesday and Holy Week protocols;
- b. Cluster Mission will take place July 11th, 12th, & 13th with Jon Leonetti as the guest speaker.

D. Cluster Social Justice: Elaine Reicks reporting.

- a. Due to Covid-19 there will not be a Food Drive as in the past but monetary donations will be accepted through the month of February with special envelopes available at all 4 parishes.
- b. Outreach to the Elderly went very well with 20 Valentine boxes being distributed.
- c. Elaine Reicks suggested sending money to the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston to help with the winter disaster relief. Rick Fink motioned to send \$500, seconded by Bonnie West, motion carried.

V. SFA Parish Life:

A. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner: After some discussion the council made a decision to have a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 21st from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The dinner will be a Drive-Thru with limited seating at the church and will be a Free-Will Donation. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by texting (preferred) or calling Kurt Wood or Bonnie West.

B. Faith Formation Program: A task group has been formed to study parish Religious Education needs going forward and to propose a 10-year plan to the Council to include the future use/needs of the RE Building. Among the questions to hopefully be answered: does it make sense to invest money in the building in view of declining student enrollment. The group is asked to gather estimates for some of the

fixes the building needs, i.e., new windows, carpet and replacing the 3 furnaces which are original to the building.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Restroom Project Completion:** The restrooms are completed and there are funds remaining. Discussed purchasing a large flat screen TV to hang on the wall in the Gathering Area and a cabinet for a DVD player and accessories to replace the old TV and stand. Since one family gave a substantial sum for the restroom project, permission will be sought from that family to divert funds to the TV purchase. Also, one wall of the Gathering Area is still to be painted and coat racks hung.
- B. Wi-Fi Update:** Kurt Wood reporting. Presently, the Wi-Fi will not reach over to the Rel Ed Building. Matt Cowley believes a booster could be installed to boost the signal to that building. Kurt will look into this further.
- C. Gift Card:** Kurt Wood reporting. Lowell Lamphier donated his time and expertise to the Restroom Project. Therefore, Kurt proposed giving a pre-paid credit card as a thank-you to Lowell as he and his wife, Lyla, will be traveling to a grand-daughter's wedding. Rick Fink motioned to purchase a \$500 credit card, seconded by Bonnie West, motioned carried.

VII. New Business:

- A. Parish Finance Council Elections:** Two elected positions are up for re-election as Kurt Wood and Tammy Ingels' terms are ending and one appointed position as Rick Fink completes his term. Kurt is ineligible for re-election but Tammy could run for a second term. Likewise, Rick could be re-appointed for another term but he informed the council that he will not accept a second term at this time.
- B. Fr. Komboh's 25th Anniversary:** June 22nd is the date of Fr. Komboh's 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

VIII. Pastor's Comment: Fr. Komboh was absent from the meeting.

IX. Adjourn SFA Parish Council: Kurt Wood adjourned the meeting.

SFA Finance Council

I. Reconvene as Finance Council

II. Financial Report: Maureen Johnson reporting. Income for the parish is at 121.24% of budget compared to expenses at 114.38% of budget. Applying for the 2nd round of PPP funding was studied for SFA and at this time, parish finances are strong with adjusted income for the past three quarters off by only 3%. Further discussion of PPP financing was tabled. Veryl Burghardt motioned to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Sue Frey, motion carried.

III. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

IV. Closing Prayer: Led by Kurt Wood.

Next meeting Thursday, May 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Jacob (Recorder)