

Minutes of St. Anthony Finance Committee  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.  
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Arnie Ficocello, Bert Skinner and Rich Rydberg. Also, present: Deacon Steve Linton.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Arnie Ficocello at 5:08 p.m.
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Deacon Steve.
- III. Deacon Steve provided the committee with a balance sheet from July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for review. Total current assets totals \$1,479,683.43. Current checking account balance is \$111,884.99 as of 31 July. Dcn. Steve noted that St. Ann Parish still owes St. Anthony approximately \$17,388.00 for May, June and July expense splits.
- IV. Deacon Steve presented the committee with the proposed 2017-2018 budget for St. Anthony's Parish. The budget projects a total income of \$263,957.00 with expected expenses of \$223,257.00 for a net profit of \$40,700.00.

Deacon Steve advised the committee that the budget provides for a two percent increase in salaries and wages for all regular office employees and cleaning staff. The budget also creates a new position, Director of Faith Formation, which will be part-time at 24 hours per week.

A motion was made by Bert Skinner seconded by Arnie Ficocello to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Motion unanimously carried.

- V. Deacon Steve advised the committee that a request had been sent to the Bishop for approval to do repair work on the church and rectory. A response was received from Dan Blank, Director of Administrative Services, questioning if we really wanted to put \$100,000 plus dollars into the existing church building if there was some discussion of building a new building. During a follow-up phone call, it was decided that the committee should have that discussion prior to proceeding with the requested updates.

The committee agreed that conditions in the current church building are deteriorating quickly and immediate repairs need to be made. The committee felt that while it is time to start considering options for the future, something needs to be done now to facilitate continued safe use of our church building. The committee agreed it would like to continue with repairs to the existing church building and rectory. Deacon Steve advised he would resubmit the request to the Bishop with one exception. The chair lift cannot be replaced because the stairwell is too narrow to legally permit a new lift to be installed. Deacon Steve advised that in place of the chair lift, he would like to request the installation of a new sound system for the church. The current system in the church would be transferred to the parish center for use there.

A motion was made by Arnie Ficocello and seconded by Bert Skinner to authorized Deacon Steve to resubmit the original request for work to be done on the church and rectory except

for removing the chair lift replacement and adding a new sound system. Motion unanimously carried.

The committee advised they would like to see a comparison as to what it would cost to build a new church building and what it would cost to renovate and add on to the existing church building. Deacon Steve advised the committee that he has the information from when a new building was being considered back in 2010. It should be possible to have the construction cost figures updated based on the design that was proposed at that time. Deacon Steve advised with the committee's permission, he could have an architect come in and give us a preliminary design sketch and estimated cost of doing a remodel and addition to the existing building.

A motion was made by Bert Skinner and seconded by Arnie Ficocello to authorize Deacon Steve to contact an architect to update the cost estimate from the previous plan for a new building and to do a preliminary design and provide a cost estimate for remodeling and adding on to the existing church building. Motion unanimously carried.

- VI. Deacon Steve advised the committee that Fr. Tom has been working with Mary Freitag to create a Parish Nursing Program. The program would work to provide screening, training, wellness education and home visit services to parishioners through a variety of programs. Mary has already participated in some training for this type of program in large thanks due to a grant provided through the Jerry & Ozzie Thompson Four Eagles Donor Fund. Further grant funding may be available through the Diocese of Superior. Mary will attend a future meeting to provide an update about the program.
- VII. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Arnie Ficocello, second by Rich Rydberg and passed by unanimous consent vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Deacon Steve Linton