

## FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Sept 3, 2019

**Present:** Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi and Sharon Sliwka. Dan Marx joined the meeting in progress. Sarah Gordee was excused.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Rev. Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer.

**Financial Statements:** The August statements were reviewed and accepted as presented. The annual Parish Trusts will distribute about \$51,000 in September.

John Durtschi asked for clarification on the building fund. \$43,294 is held at St Ambrose Financial Services. The "We Belong to Christ" campaign a few years ago started the fund. A small amount is designated for an elevator at Sacred Heart Church and organ repairs. The remainder can be used for any maintenance or building project the Parish deems is needed – regardless if at Sacred Heart or St Patrick Campuses.

**Old Business:** A discussion was held regarding the financial presentation to parishioners held on July 28. General comments include requesting the Parish provide the financial status more frequently than just annually. John Durtschi recommended a quarterly or three times per year report be provided. The Finance Council will work towards developing this.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Plans are underway for Catholic Charities to relocate from the Sacred Heart Convent to the St. Patrick Rectory. Bids have come in higher than expected, at around \$30,000. Catholic Charities had offered to pay 100% of the remodel costs but are struggling with finding funding to do this. After discussion, the Finance Council agreed to fund the project 50%, up to \$15,000. The investment is for improvements of a Parish building and assisting Catholic Charities with these costs assures the Parish of continued rental income, including a long-term lease and annual increases.

Room dividers for Religious Education are being explored. Many of the Religious Ed classes can be held at the SH Convent once the offices are relocated. However, some classes and large gatherings will be held in the SH Church basement. The dividers would be for this area.

John Durtschi will contact a couple parishioners for assistance in researching an elevator or lift system for SH Church.

**Other Business:** Dan Marx will contact Mayo Clinic regarding the Parish vacating the SP School building. Options for them to take over the building for offices or demolish it for parking will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM with a closing prayer.