

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Nov 5, 2019

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi, Dan Marx, Sarah Gordee and Sharon Sliwka.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Rev Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer.

Financial Statements: The Oct statements were reviewed and accepted as presented.

A discussion was held regarding the Parish Plan and how it may affect future contributions. Currently, according to ParishSoft records, a reduction of 11 families are on the parish roles. This is net of those that have left the parish and others that have joined.

The Fall Bazaar tentative numbers show approximately \$8,000 profit from the event.

Buildings & Grounds: Catholic Charities is relocating this week from the Sacred Heart Convent to St Patrick Rectory. John Durtschi and Dan Marx inquired about the heating status once the parish vacates the Parish Center. Plans are for the heat to be turned off and all pipes drained.

Father Jazdzewski provided an update on the Benedictine Chapel. Current plans are for Adoration to be relocated to the weekday Mass church. Adoration will relocate to Sacred Heart Church in mid-November.

Old Business: John Durtschi provided an update on the Sacred Heart elevator. All Star Elevator estimates the actual elevator, elevator installation and inspection will be about \$65,000. This does not include framing or construction costs. Marawood Corporation is working on plans and construction estimates. Parishioner, Kirk Ausman offered to be part of the construction planning and brick laying process. With estimated construction times of 9-12 weeks, a May completion date is reasonable. However, ground thaw and plan approval may delay the process. Hopefully, completed bids will be received by the end of December.

Dan Marx provided an update on Mayo Clinic's potential use of the St Patrick School site. They do not want the building for offices. However, they need additional parking and are discussing options in committee. Listing the building for sale or lease was discussed. Father Jazdzewski commented that in the past the diocese rarely agreed to sell property, but they look at factors in every request.

Other Business: Sharon presented a final draft of Annual Report to Parishioners. Council members approved it be distributed to parishioners as a bulletin insert.

Dan Marx inquired about the average family contribution. It's estimated 20%-30% of parishioners actively support the parish financially. Father Jazdzewski commented that the days of very large annual contributions from individual families and donors are no longer the norm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM with a closing prayer.