

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Jan 28, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 PM by Rev Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer.

Financial Statements: Draft financial statements for January were distributed to the Finance Council members.

Old Business: Sharon updated the Council that a five-year lease agreement has now been reached with Catholic Charities. Included in the lease will be repayment of \$1,900 for recent heating repairs. Father Jazdzewski recommended that around 2023 the Council begin reviewing the lease for any changes needed with a new lease in 2025.

Buildings & Grounds: John Durtschi presented drawings and the bid package from Marawood Construction for the Sacred Heart Church elevator. The bid total is \$298,800. Marawood has a tentative meeting set with the State of Wisconsin around April 17 to review plans for approval. Fundraising efforts will need to reflect 80% donations received with the balance being 110% pledged. The Diocese requires this before they will give approval to proceed. Donations must be deposited into a separate account at St Ambrose Financial Services.

Dan Marx asked if an exterior ramp would be more feasible instead of an elevator. This option was looked at a few months ago and decided a lift/elevator was the best way to proceed. The Council discussed this option, with weather, grade, rise and space considerations a large part of this conversation. John will discuss the option with Marawood Construction.

The elevator cost and campaign will be presented at the upcoming weekend Masses. John and Sarah will be available to answer questions from parishioners and review the plans with them.

Dan hasn't received an update from Mayo Health Systems regarding their use of the St Patrick School Building area for parking, based on possible demolition. With a Mayo Clinic manager on the Board for Catholic Charities, Roberto Partarrieu previously offered his assistance in helping the Parish make this connection. Finance Council members requested Sharon ask Roberto for contact information and then reach out to see what progress can be made.

Dan contacted local developers, but with the condition of the building, none have shown any interest in investing into improvement for it to be used for rentals or other uses.

Other Business: Father updated the Council about a consensus with other committees and those previously involved with the St Patrick Day Dinner. They agree this fundraiser won't be held this year.

Father asked the Council to consider ways to reach out to parishioners for increased giving. Though the Parish is operating on a balanced budget this year, increased giving will help assure this can continue. John expressed concern that with a \$300,000 elevator capital campaign, right now may not be the best time to have this discussion or send mailings to parishioners. John suggested the new fiscal year in July might be better timing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM with a closing prayer.