

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 5, 2020

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi, Sarah Gordee, Dan Marx, Joe Woodie and Sharon Sliwka. Chris Woodford was in attendance to represent the Parish Council. Meeting held via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Rev. Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer and introductions to potential Finance Council member, Joe Woodie.

Financial Statements: April financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Council. \$41,700 was received from the Paycheck Protection Program, to assist with payroll costs and certain utilities. Regis Catholic Schools have agreed to reduce the May and June parish subsidy by 50%. This will save the parish \$20,084. The annual payment for P&L insurance was made in April. A credit of \$4,238 was issued by Catholic Mutual towards the vacated school building. Currently, the Parish is \$11,700 under goal for the DAA. This assumes all pledges will be paid by June. The parish is currently operating within budget.

Buildings & Grounds: Two bids were received for the demolition of St. Patrick School building. Haas, Inc. provided the most complete bid package, including general project management.

A benefactor has come forth and agreed to fully fund the demolition and parking lot reconstruction costs. Repayment will be based on the Northwestern Wisconsin Region, Mayo Clinic Health System parking lot rental payments to the parish. It will take about five years to reimburse the benefactor for their investment. After this, the parish will keep all parking lot rental income for about 260 parking stalls. Timeline is anticipated to begin asbestos removal this fall, with demolition this winter. The lot will be paved in Spring 2021. A long-term lease will be signed with Northwest Wisconsin Region, Mayo Clinic Health System to secure the parking for their employees. The parish would continue to have full use of the lot on weekends, Holy Days and funerals.

A discussion was held regarding the demolition of the garage at St. Patrick Campus at the same time as the school building. Arrangements will need to be made for storage, with options of using the Sacred Heart garage. The addition of a storage/meeting area behind the St. Patrick Church sacristy in the future may also be a possibility.

The Finance Council voted unanimously to accept the bid from Haas, Inc., along with negotiating a long-term lease with Northwestern Wisconsin Region, Mayo Clinic Health System for parking. A request will be sent to La Crosse for diocesan approval to proceed with the project.

A letter will be sent to all parishioners outlining the summary of the plan.

With the Parish Strategic Pastoral Plan in place, weekend Mass will now be at Sacred Heart Church once pandemic restrictions are lifted. The bathrooms at Sacred Heart Church will be refreshed and repaired, as needed. Estimated costs are between \$5,000-\$7,000 for each of the two bathrooms.

Other Business: Father Jazdzewski mentioned a committee will likely be formed this summer to begin planning for the 150th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church in 2025 and renovations to celebrate this milestone.

Finance Council membership was discussed, with an invitation to Joe Woodie to join the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM with a closing prayer.