

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Jan 5, 2021

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi, Denise Ives, Steve Edge, and Sharon Sliwka. Dan Marx was absent. Meeting held via teleconference.

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

Financial Statements: December financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Council. Members accepted the statements as presented. Income is down for the first six months of the fiscal year, mainly due to COVID 19 and Mass restrictions.

John Durtschi inquired about the Diocesan Annual Appeal goal of \$67,675 and if we are on track compared to last year. Sharon informed the council the parish is lagging a bit behind from last year, however, \$11,000 was included in the annual budget towards a DAA possible shortfall.

Applications for the second round of the Payment Protection Program will likely be available soon. If we qualify, the parish will submit for a second PPP draw. The first PPP loan from April 2020 for \$41,700 was forgiven 100% by the SBA, and it's anticipated any second loan would also be forgiven. The finance council members agreed with moving forward as additional funds would assist the parish in meeting its financial obligations.

A \$20,000 bequest was received in December and will be used to pay operating expenses.

Buildings & Grounds: An update was given for ongoing projects. St Patrick School is now razed, and the garage will be taken down soon. Eight LED lights were installed in the interior of St Patrick Church. The \$800 bulb cost, plus electrician and lift rental charges, were graciously donated by a parishioner.

The kitchen updates at Sacred Heart Church are now complete. Stored items are awaiting to be organized by volunteers. The lead water main off Dewey Street entering the church was replaced. This cost the parish about \$7,000 (final bills not received prior to this meeting), with a \$2,000 rebate submitted to the City of Eau Claire from their lead pipe replacement grant fund. Father Jazdzewski has kindly donated his time to paint some areas of the Parish Life Center. The conference room was painted, and the PLC kitchen is almost completed. Air purification for the office is being researched, with a central system likely more cost effective than individual room purifiers.

The Sacred Heart Renovation Committee continues to review options and is in the process of prioritizing work needed.

Other Items: Father Jazdzewski commented on how new volunteers are stepping up to help at Mass and around the parish, especially noting young people joining the parish and helping.

Denise Ives commented how, as a Mass greeter, she sees people in good spirits and happy to be at Mass. John Durtschi agreed and is hopeful attendance will return to higher levels as the pandemic gets under control.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM with a closing prayer.