

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 2021

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi, Steve Edge, and Sharon Sliwka. Denise Ives was excused. The meeting was held at the Parish Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Rev. Jazdzewski and began with a reading from Hebrews and an opening prayer.

Financial Statements: September financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Council. Adult Envelope contributions are down 25% for the first quarter of the fiscal quarter, compared to last year. Members accepted the statements as presented. Contribution changes over the past years compared to families who joined/left the Parish were discussed. However, an accurate report capturing this historical information isn't available, due to ParishSoft limitations.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal goal for SHSP for 2021-22 is \$66,750. This is a decrease of \$975 from last year.

Buildings & Grounds: St. Patrick parking lot improvements are scheduled to begin October 6. Permits were finally approved by the Eau Claire City Council at their September 28 meeting.

Exterior painting and improvements at St. Patrick Rectory along with the front steps replacement at Sacred Heart Church were completed in September. The Parish received a bid for \$8,800 to re-shingle the roof at St. Joseph Chapel in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. The contractor can get the work done later this month or early November. Per previous email correspondence with the Finance Council members, the project was approved, with a review for 50-year warranty shingles to be used instead of the 30-year warranty quoted.

Bids are being received for snow removal this winter. With the increased lot size at the St. Patrick campus, along with higher operating and labor costs, bids are significantly higher than in previous years.

TCO Landscaping was dismissed from providing lawn mowing services at the Parish cemeteries. The quality of work was well below Parish expectations and several grave markers were moved off their foundations and damaged because of being hit by mowers. Tom from TCO offered to cancel the \$5,000 he billed the Parish in August, acknowledging the quality of work and actual time spent on site was lacking. SHSP accepted his concession in hopes his services will improve. Edge to Edge Snow Removal & Lawn Care agreed to finish out the year mowing the cemetery grounds to bring it back to acceptable conditions.

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