

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 2, 2021

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

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

Financial Statements: February financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Council. Members accepted the statements as presented.

With reduced collections due to COVID-19, Adult Envelope giving is down 13% from budget. No weekly Bingo income and less SCRIP sales contribute to the -\$33,895 YTD loss reflected on the February 28, 2021 financial statements. Expenses continue to remain within budget and the Parish is current with all bills.

John Durtschi commented that with four months remaining in the fiscal year, the Parish will likely end up with a loss. He expressed concern as to how the loss is carried over into the new fiscal year, and where funds would be drawn from, if needed. Sharon went over the bank accounts with the Council, reviewing Restricted and Non-Restricted fund balances.

Dan Marx is hopeful more people will attend Mass after COVID restrictions are lifted and parishioners will continue to support the Parish financially.

Cemeteries: Assessment notices for nearly \$50,000 were received from the City of Eau Claire for the reconstruction of Omaha Street. Discussions are ongoing with the City and Alderperson to see what programs or relief might be available for non-profit entities. If Sacred Heart Cemetery and St. Patrick Cemetery will be required to pay the full assessment amount, rate increases for lot sales and burials are likely. Currently, both cemeteries barely break even after paying for snow removal, lawn mowing and other expenses. Parishioners were notified of the assessment in the last Parish mailing.

Buildings & Grounds: Bids were received for St. Patrick Rectory. The work would include repainting the entire exterior, lead paint abatement and replacement of rotten boards. Lift rental is included in the estimated bid of \$32,000. John Durtschi agreed the Parish needs to protect and take care of its property. Dan Marx was neutral, due to the cost involved, but also the responsibility of the Parish to maintain the building. Some donations have already been received, with a Project of the Month request likely to be presented to parishioners.

The Sacred Heart Church Renovation Committee did not meet in February.

Other Business: John Durtschi asked when a draft budget for 2021-2022 will be ready. Sharon will begin working on it later this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM with a closing prayer.