

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 2021

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi, Denise Ives, Steve Edge, and Sharon Sliwka. Dan Marx was excused. The meeting was held in-person at the parish hall.

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

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

Buildings & Grounds: St. Patrick parking lot improvement site plans will be reviewed by the City of Eau Claire at their July 6 meeting. From there, it's expected the Eau Claire City Council will review for approval at their July 13 meeting. Due to the delays, exterior improvements at St. Patrick Rectory have been rescheduled to begin the first week in September.

Regis Catholic Schools sent a request asking the Parish to fix areas of the parking lot by the Genesis Child Care Center. Potholes and other areas need repair. Tim Huebner is putting a quote together. The lease agreement with Regis will also be reviewed with them to discuss possible site maintenance changes.

The boiler at Sacred Heart Church is leaking and requires repairs prior to the next heating season. Wisconsin Mechanical quoted \$13,200 for new cast iron boiler casing. The burner from the current boiler can be reused, but other parts would take 8 weeks to deliver. The quote doesn't include labor. Another option is to acid clean and flush the boiler now in use. Scale has built up inside the boiler, so there's no guarantee this process will remove all the build-up and stop the leak. Wisconsin Mechanical quoted \$3,200 for this work. Certified Plumbing & Heating has been asked to provide an opinion/price. Finance Council members will be contacted later this month to decide the next step once all bids and options are received.

The Parish is waiting on bids to repair the Sacred Heart Church front steps. Marawood Construction quoted \$73,000 for total removal and replacement. Troy Betcher is working with a local contractor who may be able to make acceptable repairs, for a lower price. The City of Eau Claire is proceeding with the Omaha Street repairs. All cemeteries affected are reviewing options for handling the large assessments, which will be forthcoming.

Other Business: A final draft of the 2021-2022 budget was reviewed and approved. The -\$63,120 projection is due to uncertainty in plate, envelope, and other contributions.

Sharon will send Finance Council members a list of items the Renovation Committee prioritized for the Sacred Heart Church improvements. Remarks were made regarding Parish vision and discussing what the future might hold for the Parish.

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