

St. Joseph Kellnersville
Finance Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

Finance Council meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Karen Peterson

Members present: Karen Peterson, Father Santy, Paul Tisler, Roger Siehr, Joy Bonk, Raquel Duescher

Members Absent: Mark Fogeltanz, Janice Schiesl, Lois Biely

Opening Prayer recited by all.

The November 17, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved as written (October 27 meeting was rescheduled to allow for a combined Parish and Finance Council meeting).

Financial Report:

Monthly statements were unavailable due to accounting software still being converted to QuickBooks. The current software (Great Plains) has continued past December 31, 2020 to allow all transactions from July 2020. Alice from the diocese is expected to visit again next Tuesday, 2/2/21.

The tax forms for six employees were sent via U.S. Mail. QuickBooks allows for electronic tax forms.

A reminder that our shared expenses with St. James will now be billed as 60/40 during 1/1/21-6/30/23.

Cemetery Update:

Village wants to put six lots in TIF; therefore, the developer would be responsible for curb and gutter.

Trust money will remain in a Money Market account.

Maintenance Update:

Gerry Paul is still waiting on estimates to repair/replace the steps and wall on the east side of church. A textured cement sidewalk to road (south of current steps) would eliminate a need for stairs. Council proposed to have sign posted if the front steps will be closed or unsafe.

Old Business:

*Website is being worked on. The cost would be \$50 per month plus the domain fees (100% of St. Joseph and 50% of the shared address).

*Trust monies (Sauer and Frelich) discussion regarding money market/CD options in bank versus diocesan return. Raquel could check on our 2019 return since last year was not a normal year.

*Covid Supplies – Hail Mary grant funding request was to a private company which funds may no longer be available; there was no response. The diocese provided two boxes of masks; an additional 15 boxes were purchased through Amazon as of December 2020 as we need to provide for funerals also. Fr. Santy mentioned a prayer mask he received with a prayer card; he suggested we urge more people to wear reusable masks. Karen (with Fr. Santy's assistance) will check into a "prayer mask" project as an act of love to serve our parish.

*Annual meeting feedback was the standard maintenance issues as well as our remaining 2020 Bishop's Appeal balance; we only reached 81.4%. The diocese notified Raquel that an anonymous parishioner covered our balance. Karen will submit a thank you into the bulletin. Our 2021 assessment is \$13,305.00; it begins February 2021.

*Fundraisers: Booyah last fall resulted in a \$800 profit due to parishioner sponsored supplies. Chili lunch is this Sunday (1/31/21). A Fish Fry drive-through or possibly dining at Kellnersville Bar and Banquet is scheduled for March 19. Note: Whitelaw is having their fish fry the week before Good Friday, March 26.

New Business

*Electronic support: ACH through bank for St. James; therefore, it will be part of the new website. St. Joseph parishioners never showed enough interest.

*Cemetery Bricks: Tim Stedl requested use of the remaining Memorial Garden funds to replace 180 deteriorating concrete pavers with granite bricks that will endure. It would also be an opportunity to sell new engraved memorial bricks. Motion made by Roger Siehr and second by Joy Bonk to accept Tim's request up to \$5,400.00; motion passed unanimously. Karen will notify Tim of the approval and to continue to work with Raquel regarding Hoffman Monument's quote and billing schedule.

*Parish Credit Card: A parish credit card to be used for online purchases as well as local supplies to eliminate the reimbursement step was proposed from Pastoral Council. Discussion resulted in not enough demand; there are few committee reimbursements.

Fr. Santy's thoughts

Thanked everyone for their service. Annual contribution statements along with a letter from Fr. Santy will be alphabetically available in the entry of church. We will save some postage; remaining ones will be mailed.

*Next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021, at St. Joseph.

Motion by Paul Tisler, seconded by Roger Siehr to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bonk and Karen Peterson