

Sacred Heart –Grosse Ile
Finance Committee meeting Minutes
July 21, 2020

Attendance

Fr. Marc Gawronski	Dennis O'Brien
Gregg Zuccker	Mark Gilroy
Sue Biedlingmaier	Gary Latendresse
Ken Juip	

Meeting Minutes

- Ken called the meeting to order and led the committee in prayer.
- Fr. Marc began the meeting with a slide presentation about “Families of Parishes”.
 - A major factor driving this initiative is the reality that over the next year or two there will be a significant retirement of parish priests and that the projections for newly ordained priests is dramatically less.
 - Fr. Marc’s stated that the big take-away is that the Family of Parishes initiative is going to drive the necessary and significant changes in how the AOD will be obliged to operate. In the near term (thru Advent), there will be a lot of discernment as to how the family is going to be structured with sharing of parish resources being a big piece of it. Sharing could be leadership teams, parish councils, staff, finance teams, etc. At this point no one really has a total grasp but that it will be up to the two (at this time only two) parishes to work all that out. It will not be dictated to us. Then by July 2021, there will be a more formal structure implemented.
 - The high expectation is that over some longer time frame, the family will expand to 5 or more parishes.
 - Our basic responsibility is to drive and implement our Family of Parish mission. Mission being education, worship, evangelization and Christian Service. Everything else (administration, secretaries, the plant, maintenance) is Mission Support. First the Mission. Then - how do we support it.
 - Fr Marc is not adverse to reducing our assets to support the Mission.
- Maintenance
 - Fr Marc is looking at sharing a maintenance person with St Cyprian’s certified in boiler maintenance and repair as well as electrical and plumbing. The committee asked Sue to pull together our existing contract costs and potential costs of someone who is certified in maintenance. Did not reach consensus on this yet
- Brainstorming
 - Reviewed background.
 - Because of the FOP unknowns, it was decided to put this initiative on hold until we know more of what our income and expenses will be post FOP. We will also have an AOD demanded fundraiser tied to the UTG initiative.
 - Capital Campaigns are prohibited until the UTG campaign is completed, but we are not restricted from efforts to increase our offertory. A presentation to do an offertory campaign was presented to Stewardship just prior to the Covid shutdown, so no action has been taken on that subject since.
- 2019/20 financial results

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- Sue presented June budget report.
- It was noted that the offertory collection the last few months have not been as poor as expected (due to the Covid virus). Sue also noted that since March we have received an unusual number of large donations thought to be annual donations. It was concluded that it has been difficult to extrapolate how our routine donations are going. We will probably not have a good idea until at least October.
- EIVL Covid Loan
 - Mark pointed out that we may be able to get a Covid loan with 2.5% interest payable over 30 years. He will check into this but the AOD may insist that loans only go thru the loan program with the AOD.
- Mass attendance
 - Gregg presented the mass attendance numbers. We are running around 40-45% of the attendance recorded in 2020 prior to the March shutdown for Covid.
 - The 11:00am Sunday mass attendance has increased since reopening in mid-May and is currently running at the allowed capacity of 165 people (actually 170-179 the last couple weeks). **No discussion on what we will do if more people want to attend, but we slightly above our 25% capacity, however our new AOD directive is up to 50% capacity while adhering social distancing 6'. This requirement places us at about 180 to be compliant. The Mass will continued to be on Video regardless of COVID Virus.** The evening mass has likewise continued to improve (to the mid 70's) but is well under the allowed capacity restraints. This is a subject for the Worship commission.
- Utilize social media
 - Fr Marc is a huge proponent of using social media to not only get the word out, but to support making it easier to do things like register for RE classes via media, provide adult formation, Alpha via Zoom, etc.
- Fr proposed a \$20k video system to better stream masses and events. Sue is soliciting additional bids. Dennis recommended a \$750 model. Reached consensus on purchasing, just need more info. We still have \$7,500 left in CLT that we can apply to this project.
- The frequency of holding Finance Committee meetings was discussed and ultimately a consensus to meet at 10:00am the third Wednesday of every month was reached.
- There being no other business, Fr. Marc ended the meeting with a prayer.

Gary P. Latendresse
Secretary