

Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis

Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting, January 9, 2020

1. **Members Present:** Father Tony Fernando, Theora Goodrich, Doug Scaper, Connie Walz. Members absent: Don Hudson and Jesse Clark. The meeting was opened with the Prayer of St. Francis. Minutes of the October 1, 2019 were approved with the addition and explanation of Seminarian Funds from Summer, 2019.

2. Reports

Minutes from the Pastoral Council (12/3) and Missionary Disciples Promotion Team (12/5) were reviewed by council members. Liturgy Committee minutes were not available. Of note was new ministry to the Seniors of our parish with spiritual care, help with Health Care Directives and End of Life Decisions, and financial and funeral planning assistance by Missionary Disciples Promotion Team.

3. Financial Reports

A. Hospitality Committee Report: Income from Sunday hospitality, quilt sales, one funeral \$ 1141.29, Expenses- Donut making supplies, Anointing of Sick Mass, Nevis Community Dinner, Celebration cakes, kitchen and quilt supplies \$ 855.90 Gain of \$ 845.39 (current balance \$4417.12.)

B. Quilting Group Report: The Quilting Group meets Mondays from 1:30-3:30. Shirley Zurn is the co-coordinator. They make and sell quilts and donate some to the Red Lake Mission and others.

C. Haiti Committee Report: Income from scholarship donations, Sunday collections, Christmas fundraiser (\$34,219.25) Expenses- Sponsorships, school lunches and school support, bank charges - \$24,081 (current balance - \$29,752.96)

D. Cemetery Committee Report: 2nd Quarterly Report was presented to the Council. The Committee had spent about \$10,000 on Woodlawn Cemetery on developing roads and creating a "Cremain Garden".

E. Parish Quarterly Report: The second quarterly report of the parish was reviewed by the members of the Council. Members suggested to publish more about automatic giving or ACH giving. Diocesan Policy on Financial Transactions need to be made available to officers and parish staff.

4. New Business

A. Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020

The Diocese goal for DAA2020 is \$900,000. Our parish goal is \$15,110.00, which is about \$800 more than last year. We made our goal last year, primarily due to End of Year and summer stewardship. The Council felt that we may not be able to make the goal from the regular contribution of the parishioners. Therefore, it was suggested, like last year, we may take a second collection during summer and the short fall could be paid from Yearend Donation to the tune of \$1500 – \$2000.

B. Mission Appeal

Cross Catholic Outreach will make their mission appeal in our parish. Father Bob Sherry will come to our parish on the weekend of January 25 & 26.

C. LED Bulbs

In past year worship area of our church was replaced with LED bulbs. This year we will be replacing all fixtures in the Dining and Kitchen area with LED fluorescent bulbs.

D. Weather Related Cancellation of Masses and Religious Activities

In case of bad weather situation, we will follow the Diocesan Policy not to cancel any Masses both on weekdays or weekend, if the pastor lives in the town and is able to reach the Church. Cancellation of Weekend Mass at our sister parish, St. Theodore's Church will be initiated by St. Theodore's council members by calling the Pastor at Rectory Message Phone, 218-652-2785 anytime before Saturday 9:00 PM. After consulting other members of the Council, an email will be sent out from the Parish Office and phone calls will be made by their Council Members and Parish Staff to spread officially the news of cancellation. For rest of the Church activities in both the Churches, if the school district cancels the School Program, Church programs too considered cancelled for that day.

E. Summer Programs by Missionary Disciples Promotion Team

The needs some funds to purchase booklets for their new ministry to the seniors regarding help with Health Care Directives and End of Life Decisions, and financial and funeral planning assistance and other programs for people in the summer month. The council agreed to spend \$600 for their program, as it was unbudgeted expense. (Motion, D. Scaper, C. Walz, 2nd.)

F. Others

One of the member suggested to consider doing some church renovation. The Pastor explained the process that involves both in the parish and Diocesan level. The first stage of consultation will be taken up in the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee in their upcoming meetings to assess the real need for renovation. If the leadership feel the necessity, the next step will be that of involving the parishioners in a formal meeting.

5. Next Meeting

Next Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

Respectfully submitted,
Theora Goodrich
Secretary