

## Finance Council Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

Attending in Person: Father Walter, Terry Woelfel, Nicole Pietsch, Liz Harp, Erin Ebben and Doug Hawley.  
Attending via Microsoft Meeting: Dave Pierre and Lynn Wildenberg

Opening Prayer – Father Walter

Minutes from the January 28, 2021 Finance Council meeting were approved. Liz Harp made a motion to approve, Nicole Pietsch seconded, motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

1. Worship
  - a. Stations of the Cross, stellar attendance, in person and streaming
  - b. Rodgers Church organ, Inspire series, conversation with Val Bartlein, March 11
  - c. We have instructions for celebrating Holy Week
2. Education
  - a. Conversation with Philip Riley, President of Saint Francis Xavier School System, March 19
  - b. Principal and teacher contracts due by 4/15/21
3. Stewardship/finance
  - a. Contribution distribution (see spreadsheet)
  - b. PPP loan one has been forgiven. PPP loan two is in our bank account.
  - c. School budget sub-committee-Terry, Nicole and Liz
  - d. Buildings and grounds
    - i. Preventive maintenance and project priority log
    - ii. Narthex and Saint Nicholas room lighting upgrade is in the design stage. (Pete Hofacker and Lighting by Design)
  - e. Bishop's Appeal kick-off Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is \$37,794. We are at 80% Let's reach our goal by April 25!
4. Living Justice, Dignity of the human person, Dignity of work, Solidarity with the poor
  - a. World's Poor collection: \$1,110.25
  - b. Mothers' Day rose sale.
5. Holy, Engaged, Alive
  - a. Parish Mission Planning team presents goals to the councils.
  - b. Pier Mackville

### Finances

1. Reviewed the parish financials.
  - The second PPP loan has been received. The first PPP loan was forgiven in March and will be updated in the March financial statements.
  - Bishops' Appeal: Our goal is \$37,794; we are at \$30,401 which is 80% of goal.
  - A motion was made by Doug Hawley to approve the financial statements as of February 28, 2021. Motion seconded by Lynn Wildenberg; motion carried.

### Old Business

1. Organ
  - Val Bartlein presented at a meeting in church on the Rodgers Organ. The current organ is undersized and is in need of major repairs. The plan is to upgrade and invest in the future of our Music Ministry. Mike Collom is preparing a Power Point which will be presented during Mass and the information will also reside on the St. Edward website. The organ will feed into the online audio for livestreaming. The cost is approximately \$50,000 and includes training for individuals throughout the organ's lifetime. A field trip to see the suggested organ will be scheduled after Easter.
  - The question was raised whether we can trade in the organ or maybe donate to another parish.

- There is a placard on our current organ with the names of the donors. We are suggesting a picture be taken of the placard and then be posted in the next Parish Directory.
  - To date we have received about \$1,300 in donations for a new organ. The plan is to solicit donations for the new organ instead of taking funds from the general fund to purchase.
2. Parish Mission Planning
    - Patrick Burg will be presenting the plan at the Pastoral Council meeting this evening and the Finance Council members will be in attendance.
  3. Finance Council Liaison Assignments

### **New Business**

1. Fish Fry Update
  - The drive through, contactless method is working great. Record numbers of dinners sold and it has been very profitable. Much higher income than two years ago. Two more fish fry dates.
2. Tractor Pull
  - The Tractor Pull is taking place this year and scheduled for July 17 – 20<sup>th</sup>, one day more than previous years. The pulls will begin on Thursday evening with local pulls, which is taking the place of the local pulls held on Saturday afternoon in previous years.
3. Recruitment of new Finance Council Members
  - Terry Woelfel asked that we look at adding three new members to the council as Lynn and Dave's terms will be complete in June. Please forward any suggestions to Terry.
4. Erin will update the Finance Council member information that includes the term and the year. The information is recorded on the bottom of each Finance Council agenda.

### **Buildings & Grounds / Mark Lang's Report**

- The report was e-mailed to all Finance Council members, please review
- Mark believes the school roof leak issue may be fixed.
- Terry Woelfel said the maintenance schedule and accomplishments are moving in the right direction.

The next Finance Council meeting will be Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

Closing prayer led by Father Walter.

Meeting adjourned, Dave Pierre made a motion to adjourn, Doug Hawley seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Wildenberg