

Date: 6.17.24

Finance Council Meeting Notes

All Present: Fr. Biju, Pete Benzing, Rachel Persson, Mark Nicolai, Brandon Flock, and Melissa Schaub.

Notes recorded by Rachel Persson

1. Opening Prayer @6:32pm led by Fr. Biju.
2. Additional Agenda – Pete wants reimbursement for some building expenses. Will discuss and vote later.
3. Approve April Meeting Minutes – Fr. Biju wants them amended to say the exact date the new Bishop was installed. Changes made and sent out with this batch of minutes. Pete motioned for approval, Rachel seconded and approved by all.
2. Review December and January finances – No questions, Rachel motioned for approval, seconded by Pete, approved by all.
3. Updates from Father
 - a. Inspire by Spirit Campaign – \$43,985.00 received to date.
 - b. and Annual Appeal – Almost to the goal, we still have \$1930.00 due by June 30, 2024.
 - c. New Mass intention fee of \$20 in effect now. This is raised from \$10 in previous years.
 - d. Other – Fr. Biju wanted to make us aware of a situation with a couple from when he was in Eau Claire. They have followed him here and are looking for a place to park their RV. Joe and Mary are their names, can't recall their surname. They want to permanently park their RV at church or at St. Joes. Fr. Has been trying to put them off but they are persistent and thinks they are now homeless living in their RV. Melissa suggested getting the sheriff involved as this has been ongoing for approximately 3 weeks now. The couple has even bothered the Slattery family about parking their RV. Pete suggests we tell them they cannot park here because we are not insured for that and if we catch them parking here we will have them towed. Fr. Also thanked Pete for his work on landscaping the rectory.
4. Updates on Action Items
 - a. Building projects/repair –
 - 1) East door repair was tabled for a later time. Per Pete, the company has pulled out and does not want to do the work now. May need to call Mark Ryant again and see if his quote is still good.
 - 2) Surveying is done and we are now waiting on paperwork and transfer from the Diocese. They are slow to act on things of this nature as the lawyers need to be involved.
 - 3) Basement door handle is installed, thanks to Pete.
 - 4) Pete wants reimbursement for his materials from the work he had done. Presented us with receipts, original copies went to Melissa. He landscaped to prevent water damage from worsening around the rectory, worked on the lawnmowers and a few other small things. Receipts totaled to \$508.53. Rachel motioned to reimburse him, seconded by Mark approved by all.
 - 5) Fan speed: complaints when it's too high, and too low in Mass. We cannot make everyone happy, so we are planning to put a note on the controller asking that it be left alone. Discussed how to potentially wire it down, but there is no easy way, so this is the solution for now.
5. Secretarial updates from Melissa – Melissa was out for the seminar in May. The diocese is suggesting we have someone in charge of monitoring that all who are travelling for church activities (volunteer or official) have records of their licenses and insurance due to the amount of complaints that the diocese is paying out for. Group decided to ignore this until it is not a "suggestion" as that would require a ridiculous amount of time from Melissa and likely prevent people from volunteering their time. She also noted the Mass fee intention rate increase.
6. New Items

- a. Chair lift quotes- questions were answered: Maintenance was \$90/year and likely nothing else needed. If something else is needed it is quoted before work is done. There can be a keyed switch to prevent kids from playing on the lift and losing the remote. No discount is available. **The group will vote via email on which quote to move forward with, as we likely want this in place before Sauerkraut Supper.**
- b. Fund Raising Committee – tabled for now. Rachel in need of support. Will write a blurb for Melissa to put in bulletin.
- c. Security: do we need another committee for security knowing the political climate? Group thinks not, we will begin with speaking to Ushers before the church picnic in July. Might do a statement after the homily at that time as well instructing people of what to do in the case there is an intruder. Mark is asking his dad for a potential script we can adapt. Rachel will check with Mark Ryant.
7. Pastoral Committee Report – Nothing to report from Pete.
8. Cemetery Committee Report – No update from Leo.
9. Schedule Next Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Note that we discussed Louisa not being able to attend Mondays due to her town board meeting. We know that meeting is the 3rd Monday, so we will commence having meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month, or 4th Monday if 2nd is not available.
10. Closing Prayer
11. Adjourned at 7:56pm.

To-do's:

- Rachel check with Mark R about security statement.
- Mark will ask his dad as well.
- Rachel will put blurb in bulletin for fundraising help.