

Date: 2.18.25

Finance Council Meeting Notes

All Present: Fr. Biju, Pete Benzing, Rachel Persson, Mark Nicolai, Leo Leis, Louisa Peterson and Melissa Schaub.

Notes recorded by Rachel Persson

1. Opening prayer – 6:34pm
2. Additional agenda items
 - a. Fundraiser Update from Rachel
3. Approve meeting minutes: Louisa motioned, Leo seconded, approved by all.
4. Approve financials:
 - a. Question on why Liturgical Category was so much higher this time and it was due to a bulk order of candles.
 - b. Utilities also higher due to multiple LP fills on one invoice which got lumped together.
 - c. Rachel motioned to approve, Pete seconded, approved by all.
5. Updates from Father
 - a. Goal reached for the annual appeal already! Only 35% of families contributing to it. Both Marge and Melissa were pleased by their raises.
 - b. Later updates: Blessed Sacrament is having trouble paying for the upkeep up of their building for the elementary school as discussed at the Deanery meeting.
6. Secretarial updates: We are being audited by the Diocese in March.
 - a. The insurance deductibles are changing for us: new amounts are \$5K for parish and \$10K for Diocese.
 - b. All Risk Insurance premium will be rising as well by 10% from Jan-June and another 10% from July-Dec 2025.
7. Updates on action items
 - a. Basement renovations: need new rubber trim
 1. Paint: need to put word out in bulletin or other places that we will need help with painting. Also, should choose a date to ask for specific help.
 - b. Flooring: we can't do LVP because of the water issues we have, so we are probably looking at doing some type of sealant on the concrete. Will need to sand down current paint before we can re-seal the floor.
 - c. Fundraiser: still have some funds from the gun raffle \$1400, and that will be set aside to use for seed money for the next time we plan a fundraiser. Sarah is planning to run another fundraiser in the summer.
8. Pastoral committee report – from Pete: no meeting, no update.
9. Cemetery committee – no meeting, Leo has 5 graves lined up for summer, but we don't know when it will be since the worker is busy.
10. Church security and safety plan: (added per Pete)
 - a. Pete brings the group an example of an emergency plan from another church. Notes that of Church attacks, 14% of intruder situations happen in Catholic Churches. Wants us to review the plan and come back next meeting. No plans on making a plan for St. Peter's laid out. Fr. Updates that someone has fallen at St. Joes so we need some type of 1st aid kit here to be prepared for this in case it happens here.
11. Closing prayer
12. Adjourned at 7:12pm and motioned by Pete, seconded by Leo and approved by all.

To-do's:

