

Date: 6.10.25

Finance Council Meeting Notes

All Present: Deacon Allen, Pete Benzing, Rachel Persson, Mark Nicolai, Brandon Flock, Leo Leis, Louisa Peterson and Melissa Schaub.

Notes recorded by Rachel Persson

1. Opening prayer – 6:30pm
2. Additional agenda items: no additions
3. Approve meeting minutes: Louisa read minutes from 4/8 and 5/14 special meeting aloud and approved by all pending changes to dates.
4. Approve financials:
 - a. Louisa asks where the lawn mowing checks come from: buildings and grounds.
 - b. Questions about whether utilities should be lower as we don't need propane.
 - c. Louisa motioned for approval, Leo seconded. Approved by all.
5. Updates from Deacon:
 - a. Mass coverage through August has been secured.
 - b. Fr. Sen is coming on August 1.
 - c. Deacon looked into security policies and no other churches have one but he did find some resources at Catholic Mutual so we should start there with health and building emergencies since those are the most common.
 - d. AED is ordered and we will reimburse Deacon when it's delivered.
 - e. Louisa wonders if Deacon will stay on for a bit to help Fr. Sen with his transition but we are unsure of what the Diocese has planned.
6. Secretarial updates:
 - a. End of fiscal year comes in June so Melissa has a lot to prep before then.
 - b. Construction projects have officially been approved by the diocese and there is no down payment required for Krause to do the work.
 - c. Tentative schedule for July 17-19 for the flooring updates in the basement.
 - d. Melissa asks about where to pull money from for the building updates: all agree to drain the Inspired by the Spirit campaign fund and leave some in the maintenance fund. Will discuss via email.
7. Updates on action items
 - a. Sacristy roof leaks: there are some rotted soffits making things worse as well. Going to have Krause look at it while they are up here and add to the project if allowed.
 - b. Floor and Tuckpointing: already discussed in the special meeting. See those notes.
 - c. Budget updates: inflation rate is 2.9% in WI. Pete asks YTD how we compare with expenses from last year. We are a little behind, but that's due to the PCCW holding their normal check until we figure out the basement renovations. We did get extra back from our diocesan annual appeal and that's helping offset that discrepancy. Discussion is about how much we should pad the budget for next year to accommodate for surprise expenses and inflation. Brandon wants to keep the budget as-is because we just spent a bunch of money on renovations. Leo agrees. Deacon leads discussion on insurance premiums and the diocesan quota. Pete wants to update the budget to account for added expenses and proposes a 2.95 increase. Louisa proposes that we make it an even 3% putting the monthly income goal at \$1900 up from current \$1870.
Pete motions for the \$1900 goal starting July 1, 2025, Louisa seconded and all approved.
8. Pastoral committee report – from Pete: meeting was only a meet and greet; no update.
9. Cemetery committee –
 - a. Leo updates: 8 headstones have been straightened and paid. 9 more scheduled, brings us to a total of 45 fixed.

b. Group discussed at length: there is barely any room for more graves. Looking for more space and Cemetery committee plans to fill in the road and use that space for more graves.

Discussion on where the survey marker lies and we will find it later.

10. Deacon informs: a new microphone has been ordered and it's the kind that Fr. Sen likes. Not installed yet, but it will be.
11. Rachel resigns from the committee effective December 2025 or when baby comes, whichever happens first.
12. Next meeting will be August 12, 2025 at 6:30pm.
13. Closing prayer
14. Adjourned at 7:41pm and motioned by Pete, seconded by Brandon and approved by all.

To-do's:

