

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Minutes  
Thursday, August 24, 2018

Present: Fr. Komboh, Gary Brownell, Sue Frey, Steve Knoploh, Elaine Reicks, Kurt Wood, Maureen Johnson (SJWC Business Manager, & Cindy Jacob (recorder).

Absent: Mike Yauk

I. Opening Prayer: Fr. Komboh led the opening prayer with Glory be to the Father.

II. Member Introductions: Omitted since everyone knew everyone at the meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda: Election of Officers was added to the agenda and under new business Pastor's Comments was added. After additions were made Kari Yauk motioned to approve the agenda, Sue Frey seconded; motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Gary Brownell motioned to approve; Kari Yauk seconded; motion carried.

V. Election of Officers: Gary Brownell motioned for Kurt Wood as chair of the council, Steve Knoploh seconded; motion carried. Kurt Wood motioned for Sue Frey as vice-chair of the council, Kari Yauk seconded; motion carried.

VI. Discussion & Approval of Finance Statements: Maureen Johnson gave the Finance Reports and answered questions pertaining to the statements. Steve Knoploh motioned to rescind the motion from last meeting to allow use of restricted funds to pay bills. Kari Yauk seconded; motion carried. Kari Yauk motioned to approve the finance statements, Steve Knoploh seconded; motion carried.

Restricted Exchange Accounts:

Poor & Needy - Steve Knoploh motioned to withdraw the Poor & Needy savings at the Archdiocese D & L and close the account at Dubuque, holding these funds in the St. Francis checking account. Elaine Reicks seconded; motion carried.

Savings – (Archdiocese Account) – Steve Knoploh motioned to withdraw \$2,500 from the Savings Account located at the Archdiocese to use for operating expenses. Kari Yauk seconded; motion carried.

Roof Project – Steve Knoploh motioned to pay \$2,167.18 from Roof Project funds to the roof loan at the Archdiocese. Kari Yauk seconded; motion carried.

Funeral Committee – Sue Frey reported that new faucets are needed in the kitchen of the church and the sinks are draining slow. The council authorized Sue to get the faucets replaced and to get a plumber to check the drains and have them repaired using only Funeral Committee funds.

Food Pantry – Steve Knoploh motioned to pay-out \$783.82 in Food Pantry funds to the Fayette County Food Shelf. Elaine Reicks seconded; motion carried.

Discussion concerning use of Poor & Needy funds. It was decided before disbursing the money, parishioner needs should be identified and to develop protocols on how to disburse funds. No funds will be disbursed until a plan is developed. It is hoped we can move forward with this during the holidays.

VII. Cluster Reports:

A. Cluster Pastoral Council – Kari Yauk:

- Welcoming Brochure – the Welcoming Brochure is ready to go. She is waiting for the new parishioner form to be approved and to converse with Steve Murray to get the printing approved.

- Strategic Planning – Kurt Wood reported that he is working with Dan Rohner from the Archdiocese. A meeting is being arranged with Dan & Fr. Komboh. Kurt will continue to chair the St. Francis Finance Council but has stepped down as chair of the Cluster Pastoral Council. Damien Matt of St. Peter agreed to take over as the chairman for the Cluster Pastoral Council. Gary Brownell will represent St. Francis on the Cluster Pastoral Council in place of Kurt.
  - Mass Rotation – New Mass times beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> were discussed. Kurt had signs made to put on Hwy 93 with Mass times on them as well as one for the sign in front of the church on Hwy 150.
- B. Cluster Faith Formation Commission – Kari Yauk: New textbooks have been ordered, Faith Formation tuition is \$25 per student, and a sacramental fee of \$20 per sacrament. All fees are to be cluster-wide. Holly is still in need of 2 Faith Formation teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.
- C. Cluster Liturgy Committee – Maureen Johnson: Events that are scheduled:
- Confirmation, Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm at St. Peter, Clermont.
  - Rosary Rally, October 13<sup>th</sup> in Fayette.
  - Mass of Remembrance, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Holy Name, West Union.
- There will now be only one Mass on Holy Days for the Cluster at 7:00 pm, at St. Francis, Fayette. Discussion on the Cluster Mission at St. Francis in July: The mission was well attended; great fellowship followed each session; people from other parishes and other towns attended; it seems people are hungry for this type of outreach.
- D. Cluster Social Justice Committee - Elaine Reicks: The committee is revamping Social Justice throughout the Cluster. Lois McElvania of Holy Name agreed to chair the committee. They have developed a mission statement and began the school supplies collection at each parish. Items collected will be taken to the schools in September. There will be a food drive for Thanksgiving taking place the first 2 weeks of November. There will also be a Giving Tree in December. Steve Knoploh motioned to approve Elaine Reicks as the St. Francis representative, Kari Yauk seconded; motion carried. The next Social Justice meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### VIII. New Business:

- A. Pastor's Comment – Fr. Komboh would like to see St. Francis do something for their parishioners to get people involved. He used the example of St. Peter having a parish B-B-Q in July. Some ideas that came up were to have a Soup Supper, Breakfast or Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Mass. Maybe the parish should look at having something when UIU has one of their 5 home football games. The St. Patrick's Dinner went very well and that event with one of the ideas suggested would get the parish involved as well as potentially, good fundraisers. Bonnie West from Parish Life will be contacted with the suggestions.

IX. Closing Prayer: Fr. Komboh asked the council to keep Molly Tibbets in their prayers and asked for a moment of silence for Molly. Fr. Komboh led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.