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### St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting

8-12-2018

Present: Becky Vonnahme, Mary Snyder, Randy Snyder, Fr. Mark Stoll.

Absent: Kevin Koster, Curt Pietig

Fr. Mark called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Randy Snyder led an opening prayer.

The minutes from the June 10, 2018, were reviewed. Mary Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Randy Snyder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports on parish finances and special fundraisers were reviewed.

- Currently, \$55,890 has been raised toward the Save Our Steeple campaign through cash and pledges. This does not include the insurance payment or endowment contribution.
- The July payment to Kuemper has not been made yet. Overall, St. Bernard is paid through April. This is further ahead when compared to the same time frame a year ago.
- The Golf Outing on July 22 raised \$12,522. Attendance was low at the event and ideas were discussed on how to improve performance next year. Ideas included moving the tournament to the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, combining with Iowa vs. Iowa State theme, and having the parish raffle fundraiser and potluck on the same day as the golf outing.
- The Endowment Fund was reported at \$252,598.

Randy made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Mary seconded the motion.

Fr. Mark provided an update on the Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan. He is now the priest for 6 parishes. There are 4 bookkeepers within this cluster of parishes. The new administrative assistance, Donna, is transitioning all records to Parish Soft.

Further discussion was held regarding the steeple project. Fr. Mark noted that around 87 parish families and 13 non-parish families have contributed. He would like to make an effort to encourage the remaining families in the parish to contribute as the campaign is within \$9,000 of reaching its goal. Becky will provide Fr. Mark some Facebook posts to help promote the campaign and fill that fundraising gap.

If the church exceeds its fundraising goal for the steeple, leftover funds will be used toward any of the following needs:

- Electric work in gym
- School doors in need of replacement
- Roof repairs (water has been leaking into classrooms)
- Heating/AC unit in main office

Discussion was held regarding the lawn tractor and potentially adding a snow blade to assist in snow removal this winter. Fr. Mark received a quote for \$550 to add a snow blade to this tractor. Randy made a motion to approve the purchase of this blade. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The parish will need to advertise for someone to remove snow on the grounds this winter. It was reiterated that no one under 18 can operate the power equipment.

Mary provided an update on the house porch renovation. She said it is close to being completed and only \$250 has been spent.

Mary also noted she will call the Bernholz Masonry regarding tuck pointing the stone chapel. Randy will also talk to Kevin Koster about this.

Father provided copies of the proposed Constitution for the Finance Council. It included minor revisions and will replace two other constitutions. Randy made a motion to approve the Constitution as presented. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All council members will sign the document at the next meeting.

Guild Fundraisers were discussed.

- Parish Picnic and raffle will be next week, August 19.
- The dueling pianos event will be replaced this year with a waffle breakfast. This is scheduled for November 4.
- The Valentine's Dinner dance will be February 9, 2019. New entertainment will be provided at this year's event.

Fr. Mark reported that St. Bernard is 100% switched over from Servant Keeper to ParishSoft. Eventually parishioners will be able to log into their account and check their personal information and contributions.

The new digital duplicator and folding machine is working great.

In new business, the fiscal year report was discussed. Father noted that page 23 of the packet will be published publicly with parishioners. Mary made a motion to approve the report as presented. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

The next meeting will be held November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

After no further discussion was needed, Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes by Becky Vonnahme, Council Member