

Meeting of the Finance Council of

St. John Catholic Church

March 5, 2019

A meeting of the St. John Catholic Church Finance Council took place on the above date. Those in attendance were Father Mark Stoll; parish bookkeeper, Julie Eich; council members, Peg Scheidt and LuAnn Vollstedt; and director, Stephanie Hansen. A quorum was not present.

Father Mark led the opening prayer and called the meeting to order. The Parish Mission Statement was read aloud by the Council members.

With the absence of quorum, review of the minutes of the previous meeting of December 4, 2018, was postponed. A lack of quorum at the December 4, 2018, meeting also postponed review of the minutes, at that time, of the previous meeting of August 8. The minutes of both meetings will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Reports

Financials: Financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Without quorum achieved, the reports were not approved.

Kuemper School Payment: Following a payment yesterday of \$6,000, the church is behind \$64,352.75 in Kuemper School payments and will still owe for the remainder of the year, at approximately \$13,000 per month.

Old Business

Ministry 2025 Pastoral Plan: Nothing new to discuss.

Special Donation: There is approximately \$3,000 of the special donation remaining.

Finance Council - Proposed Constitution: The second reading of the proposed Finance Council Constitution will be tabled until the next meeting.

Employee Handbook: The second reading of the first draft of St. John the Baptist Parish Employee Policy Manual will be tabled until the next meeting.

Church Maintenance: Painting and repairs to the choir loft were completed by K & D Painting at a cost of \$4,235.

Roof Over Lift: It will not be possible to install a roof over or an enclosure around the lift.

Cemetery Expansion: Pat Vogl was named chair of the cemetery team at their most recent meeting. The expansion project is almost complete with, mainly, tree planting remaining for next spring. A donation has been received to construct a facility to house maps and a grave finder. Planning will

begin at their next meeting.

New Finance Council Member: Joel Dentlinger will replace Curt Schweers as the newest member of the parish Finance Council.

New Business

Fish Supper: The parish Ladies' Guild is in charge of the fish supper this year which will take place on Friday, March 29, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Roof Leak: Rain water leaked through the roof of the rectory onto Julie's desk, ruining the calculator and nearly reaching the laptop. The source of the leak is not evident. Julie will contact the insurance company to report to leak.

Insurance Coverage: The Council reviewed a detailed certificate of the church's property insurance coverage. Father Mark noted that the cemetery is not listed on the ledger, but it is insured.

Other: There is a snag in the carpet on the south steps, which could be a serious trip hazard. Will make plans to fix, replace, or remove it in the spring.

The cemetery certificate of deposit matures in four days. Currently earning .30 percent, members present recommended renewing with AvailaBank for a 21-month term, at a rate of 2.48 percent. Board member, Stephanie Hansen, approved.

Father Mark proposed the move from the current boxes of envelopes for weekly offerings to bi-monthly mailings of envelopes directly to the parishioners. The envelopes are pre-printed and pre-numbered, and special envelopes could be added at any time. The church would be kept up-to-date on parishioner address changes, and the frequency of receipt of the envelopes would serve as regular contribution reminders. Father Mark would like to set the new system up this summer, with a start date of January, 2020. Without quorum, there was no vote.

The parish breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2019. Carroll Kiwanis will be serving pancakes.

With no additional business, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Mark led a closing prayer.