

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2, 2019

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, Dan Marx, Sarah Gordee and Sharon Sliwka. John Durtschi attended as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Rev Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer and council introductions to Mr. Durtschi.

Minutes of the March 5 Finance Council meeting were approved.

Financial Statements: The March statements were reviewed. Sharon provided additional details for a few items. Snowplowing fees for Sacred Heart Campus and the Parish Cemeteries were billed triple-the-cost than expected, due to the significant amount of snow received. St Patrick Campus was billed at \$85/hour per contract terms, but also exceeded budgets due to the snowfall amounts. Total snowplowing paid to-date of \$15,817, excluding cemetery plowing. Of this, Genesis (RCS) and Catholic Charities contributing \$1,000 each towards the costs, per a special request by the Parish.

Dan Marx asked for a breakdown on the Sacred Heart Rectory expenses of \$11,318. This includes; new flooring, painting, window treatments, clean-up and other misc improvements.

Endowment and Educational Trust payout explanations were provided to John Durtschi.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is currently short \$18,458.

A Pre-Budget 2019-2020 discussion took place. With more than \$48,000 in the Parish Money Market, earmarked for Parish sub-committees and/or small groups, redirecting these funds to assist with the upcoming budget was discussed. A reduction of the many outreach programs the Parish serves, while at the same time struggling to balance its own budget, is a direction the Council will be considering.

Sharon will have a preliminary budget for 2019-2020 drafted for the May meeting – for Council review and input.

Old Business: Feedback from the Letter to Parishioners, mailed to households in March was discussed. Those responding were glad to be informed of the Parish financial status, with many of them unaware until recently of the financial need. About 15 households newly enrolled in ACH payments. Current, about \$5,000 in annual contributions has been generated by the mailing. A follow-up letter might be sent, but later in the year.

Sharon is working on credit card options for parishioners. Due to fees, credit cards will unlikely be accepted for SCRIP. However, online SCRIP ordering is in process, with final details being

worked out. With only about 30 households taking advantage of the SCRIP program, the Council discussion the potential increase in revenue if more households would make a commitment to purchase SCRIP. With an average of 30 households participating, bringing in about \$15,000 to the Parish annually, if this could be doubled, it would make a significant impact for the Parish.

Dan Marx asked about marketing the parish. Father Jazdzewski informed the Finance Council that the Parish Council will likely be discussing this at their next meeting.

Buildings & Grounds Update: Dan Marx inquired about the status of the St Patrick Rectory rental option. Father Jazdzewski informed the Council that Bishop Callahan, Father Dhein and a handful of priests will be discussing this next week. Dan was invited to contact Father Dhein for more details.

Gary Ida secured 6-8 volunteers for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. They have been given a list items to address. Gary and Andy Bricco recently spent several hours shoveling melting snow from the St Patrick parish office roof.

New Business: Dan Marx brought up the idea of a Charitable Giving Educational Seminar. Sarah Gordee agrees a future Stewardship Fair explaining Parish finances to parishioners would be helpful.

The Council agreed to post Finance Council minutes on the Parish website – once meeting minutes approval is received from members via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM with a closing prayer.