

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 2, 2019

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, Dan Marx, John Durtschi, Sarah Gordee and Sharon Sliwka.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Rev Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer.

Financial Statements: The June statements were reviewed and accepted as presented. A bequest for \$25,000 was received in June. \$14,494 was paid from parish general operating funds in June to cover the Diocese of La Crosse for the Diocesan Annual Appeal shortage. About \$3,100 will likely be returned to the parish, as some parishioners sent payment to La Crosse in late June.

New Business: A parishioner requested tuition assistance for their family to attend Regis Catholic Schools. Prior to the meeting Sharon met with Mark Gobler (President of RCS). Mr Gobler confirmed RCS has funds available for these types of requests. Upon discussion, Father Jazdzewski will advise the family to contact RCS for help with their needs.

Old Business: Father Jazdzewski informed the Finance Council that raises to the staff were effective July 1.

Members placed into motion plans for a presentation to parishioners on July 28 after the 10:30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Sarah Gordee will reword certain income and expense classifications for ease of parishioner understanding. A condensed recap of the budget will be included as an insert in the July 21 bulletin, along with an invitation for parishioners to attend the meeting on July 28. An emphasis will be placed on bequests and ACH contribution payments. Dan Marx inquired if a presentation was ever offered in the past. No one could recall any.

Buildings & Grounds: Bids are being finalized for the remodel of St Patrick's Rectory for use by Catholic Charities. Dan Marx expressed concern the parish should be asking for \$5,000 a month rent for this property. Currently, Catholic Charities pays \$1,600 per month. Recent requests for higher rent resulted in a \$200 increase per month, with Catholic Charities stating they would need to look for a more affordable location if rent was higher.

Dan Marx asked about marketing the parish. Father Jazdzewski asked him to contact the Parish Council for those updates.

John Durtschi asked if there were any updates regarding the electrical "dungeon" at St Patrick's school building. Xcel Energy has been contacted to review options to relocate the transformers

in the parish garage. Electrical work in the dungeon area would likely be part of this relocation process.

Other Business: Father Jazdzewski informed the council the parish data base has been updated. Currently, there are about 550 families listed. Sarah Gordee offered this as an opportunity for the parish to contact the lost – previous members who chose to no longer be listed on the parish records.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM with a closing prayer.