

Finance Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022
Marian Hall

Attendees: Father Matt, Bob Dickman, Paul O'Rourke, Rhonda Kiedinger (new member of the Finance Council), Matt Bomkamp and Dale Pertzborn

1. Opening Prayer – Father Matt opened with a prayer.
2. Minutes - The February 17, 2022 Finance Council Meeting Minutes were presented by Father Matt. The minutes were approved.
3. Old Business – Updates
 - The family living in the rectory is moving out by June 6.
 - The “Inspired by the Spirit” Fund Raising Campaign by the La Crosse Diocese was reviewed. Monies to be received by St. Mary’s are \$143,000 by achieving 100% of fund-raising goals assigned to the parish. Kevin Lynch will provide a formal presentation at the end of 2022; it is a 3-year campaign commencing at the end of 2022 (in our parish). A recommendation from the Endowment Board for the use of the proceeds was reviewed.
 - Beth Ekern has been hired as the *Director of Liturgy* and will begin at St. Mary’s on May 1st. The Job Description was reviewed.
 - Father Matt is seeking prospective members for Trustees of the Endowment Board.
4. New Business
 - An earnings dividend/gift in the amount of \$3396 was received from St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc. The money received was based on the number of parish families; all Diocesan parishes received money.
 - Budget Committee; Paul, Dale, Matt and Father Matt will set a time to meet with Fran to begin development of the 2022 – 2023 parish budget.
 - Development of a Scholarship Committee was reviewed. Currently the PCCW grants a \$500 scholarship matched by a \$500 parish scholarship. Expansion of scholarships to help fund a spirituality journey for a college youth from our parish was discussed.
 - Rhonda will represent the Parish Financial Council at the next Pastoral Council Meeting on June 1.
5. Maintenance - The parish received an unsolicited bid to perform maintenance (seal coat, fill cracks and striping) on the east parking lot. It was decided to seek a bid to include all parking areas (east lot, west lot and the rectory). A competing bid for the services should also be obtained. Entry doors handicap accessibility was discussed; suggested replacement/addition of the mechanisms now in place will be explored to improve handicap access to the church/facilities.
6. Financial Reports - Financial Statements were reviewed. The members also audited checking account monthly statements for March.
7. Closing Prayer - Father Matt concluded with a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Dale Pertzborn