

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2020

Those present: Fr. Grant Gerlach, Kerry Peters, Julie Hill, Diana Bader, Rob Delk and Joan Roe (bookkeeper & recording secretary).

Those absent: Deacon Tom Adams.

Guest: Steve Collins

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Gerlach.

The minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting. Kerry made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Diana seconded the motion. However, Fr. Gerlach mentioned that the hyphens in item number 6 (in-light-of) in the New Business section should be eliminated.

The financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Rob made the motion to accept the financial reports and Julie seconded the motion.

Old Business

1. Acoustic Ceiling Panels – Steve Collins

A discussion was held on the acoustic panels. Steve said the reverberation problem lies between the ceiling and the floor, both flat surfaces, which causes echoing in the church building. By installing these panels on 25-30% of the ceiling, the reverberation problem would stop. Steve stated that he and Greg Lacey could install the panels themselves. Several of the PFC members asked questions about the panels. Diana questioned whether there have been complaints about the echo in the church, but no clear answer was given. Fr. Gerlach asked Steve to find out what it would cost to rent the equipment needed for installing the panels (a lift or scaffolding) and who should write the grant application for Oregon Catholic Press for the panels.

2. Wish List & List of Repairs/Needs will be a continuing item on the PFC agenda. No discussion was held at this meeting.

3. The vote for a Vice-Chair for the PFC will be held at the next meeting.

4. A grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 was received by the Western SD Catholic Foundation. This grant money will be used for serving a Community Meal between the months of mid-April to mid-October.

5. A. Very little discussion was held on the information from Willet Hauser Architectural Glass regarding the stained-glass windows in the church. However, Joan mentioned that the window in the southwest corner by the choir area needs some repair as there is a draft in that corner in the wintertime.

B. Dominican Sisters- Support for Vocations – Discussion was held on the matter. In the end, it was decided that St. Anthony's will send them \$100.00 and Rob will check with the Knights of Columbus to see if they could send \$100.00 as well. A request for specific prayers will accompany the donation.

C. Proposed pre-school/daycare: Diana said that the public school is working towards providing a pre-school for Hot Springs and that Melanie Adcock, who was seeking help from churches and/or organizations in the Hot Springs area has apparently begun her pre-school/daycare in Chadron, NE. Therefore, St. Anthony's will not be helping her with this endeavor.

6. Analyzing Parish's Annual Budget: Fr. Gerlach spoke of the fact that Hot Springs and Custer's budget for Finance and Governance was the biggest share of expenses for both St. Anthony's and St. John's parishes and were close to one another percentage wise for this part of the budget. He also said that parishioners should expect the parish to spend more on programs etc. and less on Finance and Governance (F&G). Some of the members questioned whether there was any way that we could cut down on the F & G spending.

New Business

1. Time was running short for the meeting, so Fr. Gerlach asked the members to bring names to the next PFC meeting to replace Deacon Tom Adams.

The next meeting will be held Thurs., Apr. 16, beginning at 4p in the parish library.

Fr. Gerlach led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Roe

Bookkeeper & Recording Secretary