

Stella Maris Parish Finance Council Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 2021

2:00 PM General Meeting VIA ZOOM Conference

Stella Maris Mission Statement:

Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary.

Stella Maris Vision Statement:

We invite all to journey as disciples. By sharing the Gospel, responding to Jesus' love and the gifts God has given us, we welcome all to grow in faith and in our parish life.

ZOOM Conference details:

Meeting ID:
Password: 927113

General Meeting

1. Introductions

- Call to order 2:00 PM
- Opening Prayer
- Check-in (2-minute time limit) Present: Fr. Tom; Deacon Tony; Chuck Germain; Mike Desmond; Peg Berezewski; Jim Slomski
- Absent: Doug Wheaton

- Approval of January 21, 2021 Minutes - approved
- Agenda additions or subtractions

2. Comments or questions from non- council members

- **Fish Creek special assessment : No decision until new town administrator takes over in 2 months.**

3. Current Financial Report and Collections Report

- Current Financial Statements – March 31, 2021
 - Question regarding large balance in designated Food Pantry Donations. Earmarked donations should be used for the purchase of food and toiletries either at the Stella Maris food pantry or other food pantries.
 - An increase of \$130,000 year to date in investment income.
- Weekly Collections Report
 - ACH payments are up to approximately \$8,000 per month. Collections are at \$74,000 year to date vs. \$200,000 year to date in 2019-2020.
- Projected net loss for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be (\$116,000). This trend has been ongoing for several years and will adversely affect the parish's fiscal health if not reversed in the coming years.
- Status of PPP Grant – Loan was forgiven in April 2021. To be recorded as "Other Income"

4. Pastor/Minister of Finance, Facilities, and Administration Report

- Budget Process Update
 - 1) Pastoral and Finance Council joint meeting tentatively set for May 20, 2021. This meeting will be held in person at the parish office as well as on Zoom.
 - 2) Inform Sharon Brabson, Chair of Pastoral Council, to get these dates on the calendar.
 - 3) Special Finance Council Budget Finalization meeting on May 27, 2021
- Parish Mission Planning
 - 1) Leadership training meeting set for May 13th and 27th.

2) Mission planning meetings on 2nd and 4th weeks in June, July, August, September and October.

5. Pastoral Council Presentation (Tom Polacek & Alan Moser)

- **Reason: Membership in churches in general is down. This is partly due to Covid-19 and other trends.**
- **Parish Mission** planning will be during June-December 2021 and repeated in 2024. This planning will align all commissions, committees and councils.
- **Pastoral Council short term goals will focus on:**
 - 1) **Helping parish increase attendance numbers. Other committees will be invited to share their ideas. Sharon Brabson will be the ideas wrangler.**
 - 2) **Pastoral Council is all in on support of Parish Mission Planning.**
 - 3) **Promote parish values: talking and promoting good experiences in the Church**
 - 4) **Integrating our parish in broader community with parish activities such as visiting prisoners and our food pantry.**

6. Committee Reports & Project Updates

- **Stewardship Committee-** see above. Also, June stewardship drive to be done online.
- **Endowment Committee** -endowment funds have reached over the \$1,000,000 mark.
- **Buildings and Grounds**
 - All sites: Airconditioning repair/replacement
 - Jacksonport: Need proxy from GB Diocese for repairs and updates to Jacksonport church. Upgrades will include new air conditioning system, sanctuary remodel, video frame messaging board, video screen for outdoor attendees, back altar and front altar, choir loft railing replacement, 2 statues, moving confessional from loft to first floor, replace outside sign, other misc. improvements, painting, and other upgrades. -\$52,000
 - Egg Harbor: repairs to office parking lot, and sidewalk, \$8,000. Also 2 statues to be donated by parishioner.
 - Baileys Harbor: hearing loops, wi-fi. \$7,750. Special fundraising for this upgrade.
 - Fish Creek: Carport concrete slab replacement. \$7,500
 - Sister Bay flower bed deferred to next year.

7. Discussion Items

- **Joint Meeting with Pastoral Council-see above**
- **Update on One-by-One Diocesan Campaign** – deferred until 2022. Although further discussion will need to take place with the Diocese of Green Bay, in October 2019 the goal set for Stella Maris was \$655,362, 50% of which would come back to the parish, or approximately \$330,000.

9. Coming Events:

- **Next Meeting**
 - **Joint Pastoral and finance council meeting (tentative) May 20, 2021 at 2:00 pm.**
 - **Special Budget finalization Finance Council meeting May 27th at 2:00 pm.**

10. Closing Prayer – All prayer intentions for the parish

Adjourned: 3:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Peg Berezewski, Secretary