

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Combined Meeting Finance Council and Parish Council

August 26, 2019
6:00 PM
Youth Room
DeVries House
Bowling Green, KY 42101

MINUTES

Present:

Pastor Ryan Harpole, Parochial Vicar Basilio Az Cuc, Deacon Larry Conrad

Finance Council: Bayne Million, Claudia Valladares, John Winstead

Parish Council: Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Francisco Flores, Roxanne Ford, Sojo Ngoy, Rodney Schwartz and Ben Warrell

Absent:

Steve Thornton, Kathryn Kemp

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Ryan. He welcomed the new members of the Parish Council and explained the role of the Council.

Finance

The financial report for July was reviewed and approved. It was noted Total Parish Expenses decreased by 8.35%, while Net Income increased by 755%. (Copies are attached to the original set of minutes.)

Fr. Ryan explained the current process used to determine financial assistance for our parish families with students at St. Joseph School and the funds currently budgeted. He asked that the process be reviewed next year to determine how the funding might be better allocated.

An overview of the Renew Campaign was presented. Fr. Ryan met with several large donors and thus far 5 families have pledged \$800,000. The total Campaign amount required is \$3.5 million, and the parish must have \$1.5 million or 40% on hand before we can obtain a loan from the diocese. A number of small social events will be held to introduce several families to the campaign utilizing the prepared brochure and video. Parishioners are asked to give prayerful consideration to sacrificial giving and review the Renew brochure when distributed for more details on giving. The Public Phase of the Campaign will launch at the weekend Masses in October with pledges submitted by the first weekend in November.

The initial estimate for the work on the exterior of the church was revised upward to reflect the cost of labor involved in removing and restoring all the brick.

Funds needed to pay the cost of the altar, ambo and chairs for the restored church have been donated by a parishioner. The group reviewed and approved the design plan and cost.

The cost of the new sound system which was recently installed in the church was also paid by a parishioner. The old speakers were retained for future use.

The current mixer used by the choir could not be repaired. An estimate for purchase and installation of the new mixer by Clair Solutions in Nashville for \$1,000 was reviewed and approved.

Due to age and heavy rainfall the DeVries House roof required repair. A parishioner's company repaired the roof at only the cost of materials.

Two of the three houses on Church Avenue owned by the Parish are earning rental income. The third is to be demolished in the near future. Several options for future use of the land are being considered.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes begin September 11th.
The Youth Group begins meeting on September 8th.

Community Life

Because of the current focus on the Renew Campaign, the second annual Reverse Raffle will likely be held sometime in winter 2020.

Chris Desmarais and John Desmarais, posthumously, will be presented the Sophia Award for St. Joseph Parish by Bishop Medley at a Mass at the Cathedral in Owensboro on September 8th.

The Charismatic Congress will be held August 31-September 1. Last year there were 400-500 participants and a large turnout is expected again this year. Two priests from the Dominican Republic will preach the retreats.

A 13 week Bishop Barron Class (Pivotal Players) will begin September 23rd. Sarah Toensing and Seminarian Chris Kight will lead the class.

Other Business

Ben Warrell, Director of Gaspar River Retreat Center, presented an update on activities at the Camp, which concluded its 12th summer. About 500 children participated this summer and Retreat Season is well underway.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM with a closing prayer by Father Ryan.

Next Meeting Dates

Finance Council will meet on September 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Parish Council will meet on September 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM