

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Finance Council Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2020

Members Present: Fr. Ryan Harpole, Dcn. Larry Conrad, Bayne Million, Kathryn Kemp, and Chris Vowels

Members Absent: Steve Thornton and John Winstead

Call to Order

Bayne Million, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with Fr. Ryan Harpole offering the opening prayer.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The first item on the agenda was the review of the minutes from the October 28, 2020 meeting. With no further discussion on the minutes, Fr. Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Kathryn Kemp. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Review of October Financial Statements

The Council next reviewed the October 2020 financial reports. Regular collections were down 7.9% from October 2020, with total income down 12.7%. Expenses were down 14.5% from the prior year. Overall, the net loss for October was \$2,608 compared to a net loss of \$4,253 last year. The year-to-date net loss is \$30,245 versus \$35,943 last year. There were several large expenditures for the RENEW project, for which funds were transferred from the Diocesan saving account to cover them.

Rental Properties Update

Bayne gave an update on the remaining rental property. Two units will continue to be leased until Summer 2021 (one lease expires in May and the other in June).

RENEW Update

Bayne and Fr. Ryan updated the Finance Council on several aspects of the RENEW Project.

- Diocesan Building Committee – Fr. Ryan, Dcn. Larry, and Bayne will be traveling to Owensboro on December 2 to make a presentation to the Diocesan Building Committee. Since more funds had been pledged than initially anticipated, the restoration project's scope has increased accordingly with revised project costs.
- Restoration Update – The side entrance doors were replaced. The back door by the school will be replaced, as will the wooden ramp. The interior painting of the Church will begin the first week of January. The stained glass windows will be thoroughly cleaned, and the wood trim around the windows will be repaired and painted. Due to the increased RENEW pledges, the pews will be replaced, and the stations of the cross along with the high and side altars will be restored.

- Parishioner Outreach – The RENEW letters were sent out to the parishioners. Approximately 5-8% of the letters have been returned as undeliverable. Good feedback on the letters has been received, along with a few new pledges and offerings.

Other Business

Fr. Ryan reminded the Council of the Christmas party currently scheduled for December 28, 2020. However, this will be dependent on the COVID situation at that time (Note: the Christmas party was canceled subsequent to the Finance Council meeting due to COVID restrictions).

January Meeting Date

The Finance Council will hold its next meeting on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Adjourn

With there being no further discussion, Fr. Ryan adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vowels
Secretary