

St. Patrick Parish

Finance Council Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2019, 4:30 pm

Present: Fr. Michael, Dave Plamann, Jerry Julius, Tony Gaschler, Geri Janusheske, Laura Darnick

Absent: None

The meeting began with a prayer led by Fr. Michael.

Confessional Arrangement – Fr. Michael noted that the usher room which doubles as the confessional, has 3 doors that lead into it and none are soundproof. People don't congregate near the doors, so not being soundproof should not be an issue and moving it to the north classroom may make it harder for people to access. We will leave it as is for now and alert the ushers that when the door is closed the room is in use.

Review Bank/Financial Statements – The financial statements were ok'd by all. A cash flow statement and a balance sheet would have the information needed each month.

Diocesan One by One Capital Campaign – This is a diocese-wide campaign which began in 2019 and runs through 2020. All parishes are going through this and are at different stages with St. Patrick and St. Denis scheduled for early to mid 2020. This campaign addresses today's needs in the Catholic Church to fund such things as stronger parishes, catholic schools, outreach, faith formation, communication, etc. and 50 cents out of every dollar donated will go back to each parish. We discussed not having second collections at this time (but putting the envelopes in the pews) so it won't feel like there is this constant asking for money. This campaign is in addition to the Bishop's Appeal.

Elevator Inspection Contract Renewal – The cost is \$65.00 for the annual inspection/renewal. All agreed to keep the same company for the inspection/renewal.

Church Cleaning – Jerry will talk to the church cleaning staff regarding the entryways, restrooms, etc.

Restroom Improvement – Laura will check on improvements that can be made in the present restrooms including painting/decorating.

Handicap Restroom, Narthex/Gathering Space, Entryway Remodel, Return Statues – This may be a project done together, possibly an addition in the future. We will address this at a future date.

The next meeting will be on December 3rd at St. Denis with a 6pm mass followed by a 6:45pm joint meeting with the Finance Council from St. Denis.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Michael

Respectfully submitted by Laura Darnick, Secretary