

Finance Council Minutes  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Seymour  
August 16,2022

Present: Father Sengole, John Mahlik, Penny Schampers , Chris Linsmeyer, Anna Schadrie, Ann Theroux, Kevin Janezic, Dennis Dercks

Absent: Dcn Rich Matuszak, Dan VanBoxtel

Meeting began in prayer.

1. The meeting minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. New members to the Finance Council were introduced. Kevin Janezic and Dennis Dercks
3. Buildings and Grounds Update
  - a. The laptop that has the Paxton software to operate the FOB doors will no longer support the software. Options were reviewed for replacement of laptop or purchase of a Unifi card reader system. This system would also give the Parish the ability to have security cameras at the school. Approved purchase of the Unifi card reader system and security cameras at a cost of about \$1,800. Money from the Building Fund could be used toward this project.
  - b. Still waiting on part of the new sound system. The media player came in but the other parts will arrive in 3 to 4 weeks
  - c. With the recent lightning strikes that have occurred, will be looking at replacing the copper wires that run from the church to the school with fiber optics. The fiber optics are being donated so there should not be any cost to do this.
  - d. Church roof is leaking by the south and west doors. Dan's roof installed the shingles 20 years ago and they are 50-year shingles. Looking into options for the roof. One quote from Great Lakes Roofing was around \$75,000 to redo the roof.
  - e. Speedy Tree Service helped the parish with cleanup of trees after the tornado.
4. Phase III update -this is on hold until the One by One Campaign is completed.
5. One by One campaign – Father has organized two teams to help with the fundraising. The campaign will run until December.
6. Bishops Appeal – We exceed our goal by 1,535.89 as of this meeting. We had 177 families donate and have 33 families that belong to the Crozier Society. We will receive half of the overage when the Bishops Appeal is closed later this year.
7. We received the Diocesan Assessment for the Cathedraticum and High School Assessment. These assessment will be paid to the Diocese in 12 installments for the Cathedraticum and 10 installments for the High School Assessment.
8. Reviewed proposal for increase in the Faith Formation fees. The fees have not been changed in a number of years. The fee increase was approved.
9. Review of Finances- The parish support for July 21 to June 22 ended up \$3,600 less than last fiscal year. The Parish operation(not including Religious Education) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was close to breakeven largely because of the receipt of money from two estates that did not restrict their donations. July parish support was 3,600 higher than the last fiscal year. This could be due to how many weekends fell in the month compared to the prior year.
10. Discussed a personnel request.
11. Reviewed budget for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Estimated shortfall is around 61,000. The parish saving will be used to cover this shortfall as needed in the upcoming year. The Parish needs to look at ways to increase revenue or reduce expenses.
12. Kevin Janezic agreed to become the Finance Council Chairperson and Dennis Dercks agreed to become the Finance Council Vice Chairperson.
13. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will September 20th, 2022.