

Finance Council Minutes
St. John the Baptist Parish, Seymour
January 22, 2019

Present: Father Brian, John Mahlik, Ann Theroux, Chris Linsmeyer, Mike Blohm, John Smet, Tom Romanowski, Penny Schampers.

Absent: Ann Schadrie, Dan VanBoxtel

Meeting began in prayer.

1. The meeting minutes from December 4, 2018 were approved.
2. Reviewed financial statements for November and December 2018.
3. On 1-28-19 a CD for \$151,000 is maturing. Last year, the finance council started laddering the CDs so one would mature every three months. So, this CD will be renewed at a term to continue the laddering.
4. Scrip was discussed. In December, there was an increase in scrip sales. Now that the holiday is over, it is uncertain if increased sales will continue. The IRS limits the amount of time employees can work on scrip, so the scrip program relies heavily on volunteers. Going forward, the scrip program will need to be reviewed to determine if this is the best fundraising option for the parish.
5. The Bishops Appeal Goal for 2019 is \$41,000. This is down \$2,000 from last year. The kick off of the appeal will be February 2 & 3.
6. Fat Sunday Celebration will be promoted on February 2 & 3. The event will be kept simple with a polka band, games for the kids and door prizes. Donation at the event will go to help the religious education program.
7. The following updates were discussed:
 - a. Lighting outside will be updated in three more places to brighten up the upper parking lot and office entrance.
 - b. Lighting in the school needs to be updated because the fluorescent tubes are no longer manufactured so getting replacement bulbs will be more difficult to obtain. The cost of replacing these lights will be around \$2,540. There should be savings in energy costs in the future with the new lighting.
 - c. The 2nd Quarter donation to charities is coming up. St Vincent de Paul, Community 2000 and two other charities will be given donations based on 2% of parish support each quarter. If anyone has ideas on a charity to donate to please let Father Brian know.
 - d. Looked at possibly getting a loop system for the church. Based on the information received, the project would require too many changes to the interior of the church. At this time, other options will be explored.
8. The new position to replace the Religious Education Director was discussed. The Parish Council will be working on creating a job description. At this time, it is uncertain if there will one position or if the responsibilities will be split between two people. Some of the responsibilities being considered for the position or positions are as follows:
 - a. Religious education as well as someone to engage the children and young adults
 - b. Youth ministry
 - c. Someone to draw the parishioners and children together to enhance the discipleship of the parish
 - d. Potentially training volunteers
 - e. The position or positions would be year-round not just 8 months.
 - f. Salaries for the position have not been determined yet
9. The lease with Community 2000 for use of the parish center is coming up for renewal. At the next finance council meeting this will be reviewed.
10. The meeting was adjourned. The next three finance council meetings are: March 26th at 6:30pm, May 21st at 6:30 pm (this meeting will look at the budget for the 2020 fiscal year), Aug 6th at 6:30pm.