

Finance Council Minutes

St. John the Baptist Parish, Seymour

January 14, 2025

Present, Deacon Rich Matuszak, Dennis Dercks, Paula Helms, Lee Rynish, Kevin Reese, Debbie Rusch, Margie Marcks

Absent: Father Sengole, Dan VanBoxtel

Meeting began in prayer.

Minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting were approved by Rich Matuszak, seconded by Dennis Dercks.

Building & Grounds

New controller for the furnace has been installed and is working well. A down payment for half the cost was made in November. Program has been installed on Lee's phone and computer where he can control and check on temperatures in the church.

Lee questioned establishing a Chain of Command in cases when he is unavailable and there is a problem with either the heating or cooling. At this time, Robinson could be #2 as the program is on the Cloud; they can assess the problem on their end and determine the solution or repair. Lee is putting together a comprehensive folder detailing how the system works, so there is documentation for the person/s designated in the eventual Chain of Command. This would also include other duties that is part of his position.

A quote of \$11,416 has been received from Robinson regarding repair of evaporator coil; currently seeking additional quotes. It has been determined that Unit #2 of the two units has a leak requiring repair. Work will not start until late spring/early summer.

All is going well with the Home School Coop Group. They have used the school three out of four weeks in January, and then every other week through the end of April. Group comes in at 9 a.m. and finishes up by 2:30 p.m. They leave the rooms or area they use the same – or in better shape – than when they come in.

Community 2000 -- As of January 1, the rent was raised to help cover heat and electricity costs and any repairs needed over the year. Also, as of the first of the year, CAP Services, who now sponsors Community 2000, cut back on the director's hours from 40 to 25 hours per week. Running less hours, this should lead to lower utility bills in the building.

Year-to-Date Numbers and Budget Review

The Finance Counsel reviewed the November statements for St. John's. Parish support in November was about the same as last November. Year to Date (Jul 24 to Nov 24), parish support is about \$3,400 higher than last year.

Deacon Rich expressed a desire to get started on fundraising for Phase III in the early spring, which will necessitate a need for a Building and Grounds Committee, as well as a leader for the committee. Monies from the OnebyOne campaign could be designated toward the project. There is still a 3-year commitment for the OnebyOne campaign.

Kevin Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Dennis Dercks.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 11, 2025.**

Closing Prayer.