

Finance Council Minutes
St. John the Baptist Parish, Seymour
May 21, 2019

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

Absent: Ann Schadrie and John Smet

Meeting began in prayer.

1. Lee Rynish gave an update on buildings and grounds:
 - a. Lighting Project -A new light pole between the church and school will installed. The pole was damaged during snowplowing. Skinkis Landscaping will be contributing toward the cost of the pole replacement. Amounts have not been determined yet.
 - b. Skid Steer - Currently the parish has a skid steer that has service and safety issues. Lee looked into the costs to replace the skid steer with a new compact tractor. The new tractor would be used at both the parish and cemetery. The cemetery committee approved covering half the cost of a new compact tractor. The estimated costs would be around 16,000. The Finance Council would like more details on the new equipment. Dan VanBoxtel will help Lee in determine the equipment requirements needed at the parish and cemetery. It was also suggested that a request be made for donation to purchase this new equipment once the cost is determined.
 - c. Air Conditioner replacement at Community 2000 building – At the end of last year, 2 of the 3-window air conditioners in the Community 2000 building were failing. The cost to replace the air conditioners is estimated at about \$290 per unit. It was decided to ask Community 2000 if they would contribute toward the new units.
 - d. Policy for Parish Property Use – Currently there is a free will offering for use of the school rooms. The question was raised whether or not there should be a fee schedule for use of the building. As well as, how for-profit groups should be handled when they request use of the building. A draft copy of the Policy for Parish Property Use from prior years was reviewed. Mike Blohm will work with Lee to revise the draft policy to include a fee schedule.
2. The meeting minutes from March 26, 2019 were approved.
3. Reviewed March and April 2019 financial statements.
4. 2020 Budget was reviewed.
 - a. With the change in priests, the parish will now be paying 65% of the priest salary instead of the 30% currently paid.
 - b. Fr Dass will be out of the country and will not be at St Johns until August 1st. Fr Dillenburg will be Priest help out at mass until mid-August. A proxy request will need to be sent to the Diocese to allow the two trustees to sign checks while Fr Dass is gone.
 - c. While Fr Dass is gone, the parish will need to clean the rectory and determine if any furniture is needed.
 - d. New religious education position will be starting soon. This will added 30 to 35 hours per week to the budget for religious education.
 - e. The scrip program was discussed. Based on amount of time that is needed to keep track of the scrip cards and the volume of sales over the last couple of years, the council decided it was time to discontinue the scrip program and look at new fundraising opportunities.
 - f. The budget was approved. Since some of the costs with the new priest are still pending, the budget will be reviewed again in September for possible changes.

5. Other items discussed

- a. Tom Romanowski will be running for Secretary Trustee. The election will be in a couple weeks
- b. The Annual meeting will need to be held in October. The format used last October worked well. It was suggested to use this same format in October.
- c. There is a One by One Campaign with the Diocese coming up in the Spring of 2020. This will include parish planning and fundraising. The parish will need to decide what the funds raised will be used for.

6. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting September 3 at 6:30pm.