

Finance Council Minutes  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Seymour  
September 25, 2018

Present: Father Brian, John Mahlik, Mike Blohm, Ray Leisgang, Dan VanBoxtel, John Smet, Penny Schampers.  
Absent: Chris Linsmeyer, Ann Theroux

Meeting began in prayer.

1. Welcome to new members of the Finance Council. Dan VanBoxtel and John Smet. A training meeting with be scheduled in the near future to explain the financial statements.
2. The monthly bulletin report given to the parish was discussed. This report gives the parish an idea of how the parish operations are doing.
3. Ray Leisgang was thanked for his service as trustee.
4. Trustee election will be the weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The two candidates are Tom Romanoski and Anna Schadrie.
5. The building and grounds report was handed out for everyone to review. The lighting project still has about \$2,900 left in restricted money so Lee will focus on completing this project.
6. A discussion about whether or not the parish should continue the upkeep of the playground or remove it took place. It was decided an evaluation of all the equipment and what repairs or maintenance is needed to keep the playground safe was need to make a decision.
7. The Diocesan Capital Campaign has been put on hold due to the current circumstances they are facing. St Johns was scheduled to start the campaign in 2019 but the Diocese is evaluating when a good time to start the campaign would be.
8. Financial statements for July and August were discussed. Approval was given to transfer \$50,000 from the savings to the checking account. CD that came due in September will be renewed for 24 months to continue with the CD laddering that was started last year.
9. Review of Annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The format has changed from last year. The report will be presented at mass on weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
10. Discussed other sources of income. Collections on Holy Days of Obligation, continuing the Bishop Appeal Supplement (26 on the 26<sup>th</sup>) next year, expanding the Fat Sunday celebration to include silent auction and raffles and promoting more aggressively, and changing the SCRIP program so money goes to the religious education program/youth ministry.
11. Discussed a new Tithing and Donation Policy for the parish. The new policy would have donations every quarter and would be 2% of sacrificial giving for that quarter. The charity to receive the donation would change each quarter. Christmas loose collection would go to 4 charities. Ash Wednesday collection would go 50% to St Vincent de Paul and rest to other charities. Easter Sunday revenue would not be given away. At the end of the fiscal year, if there was income 25% would go to charities.
12. The meeting was closed with a prayer. Next meeting November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.