

Holy Cross Parish – Finance Council Meeting
March 23, 2023
Joint Parish Center

Attendees:	Fr. Don Everts	Tammy Schmahl	Tony Vosters
	Rick Vanden Boogart	Lance Goetzman	Dennis Bowers
	Jane Vanden Boogart		
Excused:	Mark Tetzlaff	Ed Voet	

1. **Opening prayer** – Fr. Don
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved as is. First motion – Lance Goetzman, second motion – Dennis Bowers. Motion unanimously approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes, February 2023** – Approved as is. First motion – Tony Vosters, second motion – Dennis Bowers. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Approval of Financial Report – February 2023** – Approved as is. First motion – Dennis Bowers, second motion – Lance Goetzman. Motion unanimously approved.
 - Giving is up \$11,000 compared to this time last year. Net income is up.
 - Buildings & grounds maintenance contributions are good.
 - Narthex temperature seems high. Can we do anything to keep the temperature down a little? Tammy will ask John to reset the thermostat to 68.
 - Lights for the windows around the sanctuary – do they have to stay on? Tammy will ask John to have them turn off at 10:00 PM.
 - Air handler stays on all the time to keep the temperature consistent.
 - 805.203 – School-Utilities-Electric – payments for this fiscal year were from June utilities. Will not see them being paid next fiscal year.
5. **Oktoberfest**
 - Date is set at October 29, 2023. Fr. Don commented that when there is a Packers game on Oktoberfest Sunday, our attendance is usually down. The committee may want to look at the date after the Packers schedule comes out in April.
 - Committee is Lawrence Ortner, Nikki Biese, and Jane Vanden Boogart.
 - Committee is looking at the raffle to determine what we should do. There have been many big cash raffles in our parish communities in the past several years and we seem to be selling fewer tickets each time. We are considering different ways to do raffles.
 - Area coordinators are being recruited and many of the people who have done things in the past are happily volunteering to do them again this year.
 - If you know of anyone who is willing to get involved, please let a committee member know.
6. **one by One Campaign Update**
 - Seems to be going well. The amount raised so far represents only about 20 families.
 - Volunteers are visiting with parishioners to ask them to prayerfully consider donating to the campaign.
 - Too early to tell the response for donations at this point. Fr. Don is having positive conversations with people about the campaign.
 - There will be a reception on Wednesday, March 29. More parishioners are being invited to hear the details of the campaign and ask them to consider donating.

- Donations are being made directly to the school and matching funds are being given for some of those donations = \$161,000. Donations are coming from parishioners including some from St. Katharine Drexel parishioners.

7. Bishop's Appeal

- We are at 80% of our goal.
- The deadline for meeting our goal is the end of October but it is best to have it completed by end of May. Getting donations during the summer months is difficult.

8. Updates from Committees

- Buildings & Grounds
 - Narthex window – varnish/wood seems to be showing wear. Tammy will report it to John.
 - Wed. night, after the mission, some doors were unlocked. John is working on them to tighten the closures, etc.
- St. Ignatius School
 - Changes in leadership will be coming for next year.
 - Projecting 310 students for next year.
 - All lower-level classes are split to accommodate the growing number of students.
- Cemetery
 - Doing well on their own. They show a profit every year.
 - They have restricted accounts to pay for big projects.
 - Currently checking out cost of building another columbarium.

9. Other

- Men's Open Basketball Tournament starting this weekend. Good basketball and a form of evangelization. People can see what we are doing and it draws people in.
- At the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1, 2023:
 - John Lambie has agreed to be a member of the Finance Council. He will replace Mark Tetzlaff.
 - Ed Voet will no longer be the Financial Trustee.
 - Mark Tetzlaff will become the Financial Trustee.
 - Rick Vanden Boogart will become the chair of the Finance Council.

10. Closing Prayer – Fr. Don

11. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM. First motion – Dennis Bowers, second motion – Tony Vosters. Motion unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING – April 26.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2023 – all meetings are at noon in the Joint Parish Center.

May 24	July-no mtg.	Sep. 27	Nov. 15? or 22?
June 28	Aug. 23	Oct. 25	Dec.-no mtg.