

Holy Cross Parish – Finance Council Meeting
August 27, 2025
Joint Parish Center – 12:00 PM

Attendees:	Rick Vanden Boogart	Tony Vosters	Mark Tetzlaff
	Cheryl Van Toll	Fr. Luke Ferris	Lance Goetzman
	Dennis Bowers	Jane Vanden Boogart – taking minutes	
Guests:	None		
Excused:	Tammy Schmahl	Justin Collins	

- 1. Opening prayer** – Fr. Luke
- 2. Approval of Agenda** – Will review June/July minutes and financial reports. Date of next meeting is Sept. 24. Consensus reached on approval of the agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, June 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the minutes.
- 4. Approval of Financial Reports, June/July 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the financial reports.
 - Cheryl will refine the report to give a total picture of the cemetery accounts.
 - 750.304 – LifeTeen Out – Conference in AZ. Waiting for a grant to come in.
 - 536.101 – Joint Parish Raffle Expense – SKD pays for half. Budgeted for it differently in this year's budget. Will pay all the expenses out of one parish and the other parish will pay their half.
 - Should we continue to do a joint parish raffle? Difficult to measure the impact of the joint raffle vs doing it with Oktoberfest.
 - Total expenses – Added \$30,000 to our 2025-26 budget.
 - 975.101 – Other Income-Special Projects – This amount is the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) which has been the biggest contributor to our bottom line.
 - Profit & Loss report:
 - 402.101 – Sacrificial Giving – down about \$8,000 from July 2024. Feels like a downward trend. July 2024 we were asking for money for the HVAC project. Giving is usually down during the summer. We will keep an eye on it.
 - 612 Salaries & Wages – Three pay periods in July 2025 vs two pay periods in July 2024. Raises also happened in July.
 - 911.101 – Cathedraticum – Two payments made in July.
 - Fr. Luke will ask Rob B. for numbers of deaths vs new members.
- 5. ERC/HVAC/Lending Update**
 - Final payment to cemetery was made.
 - Paying back the diocesan loan still remains. Will wait to pay it back until we know how we are going to handle the repairs for the tuckpointing/tower.
- 6. Buildings & Grounds (B&G)**
 - Cemetery
 - Purchasing new tractor for snow removal. Will make it available as needed – possibly for snow removal at church. Holy Cross will continue to have Bob & Dave's do snow removal.
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 - School

- Water heater has been installed and seems to be working fine. It is a boiler system with an indirect water tank on it. Replacing the tank will cost much less than replacing the whole water heater.
- Science lab has been renovated and was fully funded by a generous donor.
- Playground is finished and was completely funded.
- Other – Church
 - Tuckpointing:
 - Hoffman Company – would like to bid on the job to be the project manager.
 - Randy Calmes (retired) – Recommended Consolidated/Calmes Construction.
 - We should define the scope of the project. Greenwood Construction Management is currently working on a plan which we can use to get bids from other companies. Could give them a copy of the information from R. J. Jacques and have them base their bid on that information.
 - There may be a cost for these companies to give us estimates on the project.
 - Timeline – 60 days to complete the estimates.
 - Working on the ramp into church.

7. Any other business

- There was a shooting into a church in Minnesota at an all-school Mass. Do we have protection at Masses? School has a plan for active shooters – they have been trained. Possibly do training of ushers for active shooters. Fr. Luke will bring it up at the Joint Parish Council.
- Also do training for the AED unit?

8. NEXT MEETING – Sept. 24, noon, Joint Parish Center

9. Closing Prayer – Rick Vanden Boogart

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM. Consensus reached to close the meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 – meetings are at noon in the Joint Parish Center.

Sep. 24 Oct. 22 Nov. 26? Dec.-no mtg.