**St. Anthony’s Church Finance Council Meeting Minutes**

*May 7, 2019*

Members Present: Father Bill Skarich, Deacon Greg Hutar, Frank Lekatz, Al Forsman, Ron Svatos, Steve Smrekar, Paulette Gilbert

Members Absent: Ron Forsman

1. Father Bill opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Minutes from the March 7th meeting were reviewed. Frank L. motioned to accept the minutes; Steve S. second. Motion passed.
3. Finance Report:
4. Contributions are down. Many thoughts in discussion are death of parishioners, people have moved out of town because of lack of jobs, some because of the clergy abuse.
5. Read through the various investment statements and verified the amounts.
6. Various expenditures in the budget were reviewed. Al F. motioned to accept the amounts and expenditures; Ron S. second. Motion passed.
7. Old Business
8. Discussed the sale of the parking lot space and what happens if sale and construction do not meet deadline and specs.
9. Deacon Greg gave some information on the possible electronic sign. Options include using the existing site with a one-sided sign or moving it to the right side of the church building. Sizes could be 4’ x 8’ or 2’ x 8’. The sign would be programmable from a computer or phone. Stewart Signs estimate is $13,600. Deacon Greg will have a proposal in hard-copy for the August meeting.
10. New Business
11. Budget will have a 2.5% increase. Father Bill motioned to accept this increase; Frank L. second. Motion carried.
12. Frank L. council term is up. Ron S. and Steve S. agreed to run for a second term.
13. Emails had a technical glitch.
14. Father's Time
15. Father Bill brought information about Built Upon a Rick Fest in Duluth. They are looking for donations from the parishes. After discussion, Al F. motioned that St. Anthony’s donate $1,000.--; Steve S. second. Motion carried.
16. Frank L. made a motion to adjourn; Ron S. second.

Father Bill ended the meeting with a blessing.

Submitted by,

Paulette Gilbert

Secretary