

Agenda – Finance Council Meeting  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7pm

1. Call to Order – Prayer. 7:04pm

Present: John Zieren, Gary Robert, Gene Huels, Father George Mauck, Mary Hugo, Ron Zurliene, Tiffany Wesselmann -secretary

Absent: Robert Doerr

2. Review of Finances: Status of investments/money market account/checking and any corrections to the budget. Catholic Schools subsidies. Payroll.

There were no corrections to the budget. There was one question of what category the cemetery lights are noted in for the cemetery. That total can be found under the 5322-repairs and maintenance line item. Capital Campaign envelopes will not be in the 2023 mail out but parishioners are still able to donate to that account/fund. Mary asked if the \$40,000 the council discussed to transfer out of the cemetery account and put in our investments was transferred to the cemetery Diocesan investment account. A check was cut on 7/7/22 to the Diocese There were no other questions or concerns with the investments or account information.

We currently have 34 students at ASA and 26 students at MD for the 2022-2023 school year. The total currently due at ASA is \$117,724 that the parish takes care of. Tuition is \$7,615 per year per child. The charge for tuition for a family with 1 child is \$3765; \$6455 for 2 children; \$8385 for 3 or more children. St. Mary parish takes care of 80% of the remaining cost. The amount due to MD should be presented to us soon. We have to submit the following information for them to plug our numbers into a formula to give us our total. The numbers they collect are how many families contribute over \$250 a year, estimated cost to our parish for students attending our Catholic Schools for the upcoming year (we have students at ASA and St. Ann in Nashville. The estimated total for that came to \$132,259.02.) and the 3rd thing they ask for is our operating receipt total minus any bequeaths we would have received throughout the fiscal year. That total was \$489,949. The amount of kids that attend does not affect the amount we owe. We hope to get more of the students & families to help with the ministries of the Mass from both our catholic schools and our parish school of religion families.

A question was raised about our insurance on the church. Tiffany will reach out to John Coers at the Diocese. Gene reviewed the policy of what he had and he said we are right on target and should be good on our insurance. Update: 9-9-22: Tiffany talked to John Coers and he said that our insurance with Catholic Mutual is really good. If there would be a partial or full loss of the church, we would be covered. Catholic Mutual came in and took extensive video and pictures of our parish and all the artifacts at one time but not recently. It would be highly advised to go back through and collect our own including items in the sacristy. Tiffany will make sure this gets completed, sent to John Coers and saved at the church office.

Payroll: Salaries for Randy and Tiffany were increased in July. Ellen's was increased in August when she returned but John, Father and Mary met afterwards to re-evaluate Ellen's pay. It was discussed that Randy is doing a great job and they are happy to have him. He is irreplaceable. With the cost of living that has gone up, the increases were needed to be able to keep the help.

3. Parish Center roof leak There had been a leak in the gym. Martin Roofing came out and there was a pipe of some sort that the caulking pulled away from. This was a simple fix and just needed a sealant around the piping. So far, that is holding.

4. Old World Roofing and Autenrieb Church Painting. Old World Roofing was called today 9-8-22 and was told they were still working on our bid. With all the bad weather, they are really behind and don't have the staffing right now to be able to take care of all the jobs in a timely manner that they wish to do them in. They came out at the beginning of August and flew a drone over the church. Found we have severe hail damage. Autenrieb Church Painting will be out on Monday at 930 to review the job. Update: 9-12-22- Andrew from Autenrieb came out to review the damage. Did a water test on the walls and it was showing 90% moisture. We need to see about getting our brick sealed around the church as soon as possible. Tiffany will see who we need to follow up with on that job.

9-9-22 Tiffany called John Coers to ask about the possibility of replacing the roof and what it would take to have that covered under insurance. Unfortunately, it would take golfball size hail to have damaged that and it has been a while since we have had that here in Carlyle. John said that the tiles may be cracked and the membrane under the tile may be getting that moisture and becoming brittle. He suggested that many other churches are going with a metal roof that looks like slate or a composition shingle option. Either way, we will have to ask for a resolution from the Diocese before we replace it.

5. Landscaping around the rectory and new bathroom. Larry said Bach Landscaping & Lawn Care will be coming out to seed the grass by the new bathroom and sidewalks. The cost would be around \$350-450. It was suggested that maybe while they are here we could have them take out the west side. Tiffany can call them to ask. After that, we can discuss if anything will be put in its place. We have had a few people offer to do something.

6. Parking lots The Parish Center lot may not get done this year. We will make sure we are on the list for the spring to get that completed. Tiffany will reach out to Diekempers to get on the schedule. Tiffany will check with Ed Kleber about the church parking lot. We were waiting for the bathroom to be completed for anything to be done there. Father was concerned about the potholes on the church lot. Maybe we can do something with those for the time being till the new lot is completed. Tiffany will follow up on this. Update: 9-13-22 Tiffany got a hold of Rooters and talked to Jill. She will review the request and get us an updated bid for things of course have gone up. I told her we will need to be put on the

schedule once that is approved. An update will be given after our Parish Council meeting in October. Jill will be in touch with me sometime this week.

7. Fire Alarm in church was suggested: Ron Zurliene had someone set up a system at the fairgrounds. This system all works off wifi and would alert the police of a problem. Ron will get Tiffany the name and number. Gary Robert also suggested a system he uses. He gets alerts and calls on his phone when an issue arises. That company is ProAlarm out of Marine. Tiffany will follow up with these companies and then the councils once completed. Tiffany also “attended” a zoom call with the Diocese on Tuesday the 6th about performing active shooter drills. Schools and churches are like “sitting ducks”. It was advised to talk with the local police department about a plan to put in place. John Coers said that they have set this up at his church in O’Fallon. They have certain individuals called “guardian angels” that are set up at the doorways to take watch over the parish. Tiffany will call around to the other parishes in the area that may have this in place already to get an idea of where to start on this process and planning. It was suggested that the PSR program be trained as well.

A concern came up about the children using the bus system in the mornings to commute to ASA and MD. Some of the younger children are being dropped off sometimes before 7 or a little after. Bus doesn’t come till @ 730. This is definitely a safety concern for there is no adult supervision in that section of the parish center. Tiffany will call ASA to see if they can generate a list of who all rides and reach out to those parents to ask that they either wait there with their children or not drop them off till @ 715-720. Update: Tiffany talked to Dustin on 9-9-22 about this concern. He was going to email all the parents to make sure they knew not to drop off before 715. We will address this issue at our Parish Council meeting in October to see what else will need to be done to ensure the safety of the children.

8. Next meeting date: Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

9. Prayer & good evening! Adjourned at 8:23pm

Minutes of Finance Council meeting — June 16, 2022 – St. Mary Parish Center, Carlyle, IL

Call to Order at 6:07pm followed with a prayer.

In attendance: Duane Grapperhaus, John Zieren, Gary Robert, Ron Zurliene, Mary Hugo, Father, Tiffany Wesselmann as secretary

Absent: Gene Huels and Rob Doerr

Duane: Update on organ and wire issue.

Would like to invite all board members to come and see what his set up is. He suggests that we hold off on the \$5000 repair till Feb when wicks comes back for their annual checkup. He is making a list of all the things he feels needs attention. He would like to put an organ downstairs and place the choir/organ on the right side of the altar (east side) to make it more accessible to our disabled or current aging choir members. we could put an ad in the paper to have someone donate their organ. People would be willing to donate them just to get rid of them.

There are normally around 8 current choir members on a regular basis.

Father would be ok with the choir coming down twice a month to give a try.

To allow more room, we could remove that last pew and move the chairs back.

Something to consider: ability to perform pre-recorded music—using iPhone, laptop, bluetooth sources, etc.

To change a pipe organ into 100% electronic—fiber optic cable—would be \$125,000+.

May have to consider this for the future of the church. To find someone that can play an organ or is willing to put the time in that Duane and Eric did in the past, may be extremely hard to find. This method would allow us to make that transition a bit smoother or as a fill in when needed.

Squirrels have chewed through the wiring. The only audio connection from upstairs to downstairs right now is wireless because of this. Options to fix this are either run new cable (3) inside PVC pipe or purchase 2 dedicated wireless units with lithium batteries. Realize the new music director will need to set/test, be responsible for this equipment at all times for weekend Masses, weddings, funerals, etc.

Mary made the suggestion to look into contemporary song books for more updated music selections. Tiffany will check on these options.

Review of Finances: Status of investments/money market account/checking.

We received a \$150,000 legacy donation.

Father suggested that we put 60,000 back to the general investment fund and 40,000 to the cemetery investment fund. all in agreement. Tiffany will take care of the transfer. The remaining will stay in the GF to help cover the costs of our school assessments starting back up in August.

Parking lot: Larry talked to Diekemper a few weeks ago and it could be another week or two. We are at their mercy. He doesn't have a new bid. Tiffany will check back with Larry on the church parking lot.

Stewardship: Capital Campaign going well with 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. This is the last year.

People are still welcome to donate to this account after the end of the year. They just won't get envelopes for it.

Randy's mowing contract: he approached Father with concern with the price of fuel. He will write something up to at least help with fuel for the mowing season.

All are ok with giving him the difference of what he paid for fuel last year.

Tuck pointing the church/rectory kitchen, church roof, sealing of the church.

Need to just look at sealing the church. This hasn't been done in a while. Ron will check with Martin Roofing. Father mentioned that we could get someone to fly a drone over the roof to

check the damage. I will check the list to see when the last time we did that roof. Ron will have them check the gym roof when they come. There is one spot that is leaking.

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Prayer & have a good evening!