

**St. Ignatius Church and School
Finance Council Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021**

Chairperson Eileen Brege called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Eileen led us in opening prayer.

Members present: Mary Asam took roll call. Present in person were Father Rolando Silva, Chairperson Eileen Brege, and Secretary Mary Asam, present via video conference were Bookkeeper Judy Darga, Vice Chairperson Laura Hilla, Mary Hulewicz, Ron Krawczak, Mike Lynch and Pastoral Council Liaison Magnus Wilson.

Absent: Greg Hamel, Tom Gajewski and Howard Madsen

Approval of Minutes: Ron Krawczak made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8th meeting, seconded by Mary Asam. Motion carried.

Grounds and Maintenance Report

Father Rolando informed us that the Grounds and Maintenance Committee met on April 19, 2021. We are waiting for Meridian Construction to give us a date as to when they want to start the work on the ladders and chimney. They have asked us to not send them any money until they give us a date. The cleaning of the Parish Office basement is going to be delayed due to the rise of COVID cases in this area, and it may not be able to be completed until 2022. In the church, they recommend rewiring of the ceiling fans in the main aisle of the church and replacing the ceiling fans with the fixtures that they remove from the choir so that we can get more light in the main part of the church. For the school, the projects are to remove the spring loaded animals, the circular bar dome, the metal piece the students can crawl through, and the small jungle gym, and replace them with a wooden train for \$3,100.00, and a wooden ark, representing Noah's Ark, for \$5,000.00, plus a bench for parents to sit on and the laying of new grass, and then up on the hill a volleyball net. A lot of the project for the school equipment depends on how much money they were able to raise at Harbor Nights and also if they are able to get an operating grant which the school applied for. Eileen said before we go into any of these new projects we will be looking for quotes. Ron Krawczak asked why the equipment needs to be replaced. Father said that they have been determined to be hazardous by the insurance company and local officials.

Financial Report

Bookkeeper Judy Darga presented the Financial Report for the quarter ending on March 31, 2021. Eileen pointed out that the total assets are now at \$633,231.00. At that end of December we were at \$675,716.00, so we are down \$42,000.00. Last September we were at \$692,000.00, and last June we were at \$701,000.00. She just wanted to bring that to the Committee's attention, so that at our next meeting we might be asking questions and looking at that. Eileen also noticed that there was a loss for the school of \$60,988.00, but that does not include the profits from Harbor Nights, so that will probably be changed next month. The church is showing a profit of \$15,670.00. Father said that that is double than we were at this time last year because more people are coming to church. Judy said that a few employees reduced their salaries for the first couple months of the fiscal year so that might be part of that. Eileen said thank you to those who took a reduction in their salaries, she was not aware of that. Father said that the revenue for collections was up by \$500.00 compared to this time last year plus we had double the amount in the improvement fund from this time last year. Laura Hilla made a motion to approve the financial report, Ron Krawczak seconded it. Motion carried.

Budget

Judy reported that the teachers got a little bit of a raise. Father Rolando got his annual raise. The Director of Religious Education got a little bit of a raise because she is not being helped by Deacon Scott and his wife Karen anymore. There were normal increases in insurances etc. On the school side, she didn't put the whole 40% transfer of parish funds in the budget to make it balance. We did not do any increase in tuition, but we have more preschool kids. Harbor Nights is pretty close to what the numbers will be. She hopes she put enough in there to cover our fund raising expense. We are hoping we can do more school breakfasts or dinners. Last year looks real good

because we got a lot of donations during those meals. Hopefully it will come in close to this. Motion to approve the budget made by Mary Hulewicz, seconded by Laura Hilla. Budget has been approved as it stands.

Eileen asked if there are any numbers for Harbor Nights for this year. Judy said that they would be in the estimate.

Judy reported that we are at about 48% of the CSA target for this year. We just met the target last year, so we will be getting a little back.

Old Business

We are waiting until Meridian is ready for the ladder and chimney projects.

Father reported on the incorporation. Father and Eileen will be having their first corporate board meeting. At that time there will be reorganization for the Diocesan Building and Loan Fund. There is going to be a trust created to reduce the number of accounts in an effort to protect the parish's savings.

Judy looked into the Payroll Protection Program. It looks like we would qualify, but we would have to have an account at any of the banks she talked to, so she dropped it. Father is fine will dropping the program at this time, because the banks are not local.

New Business

No quotes were received for the wiring at church. It will be discussed at future meetings.

Pastoral Council Liaison Report

Magnus Wilson gave an update on the Pastoral Council. They would like to run an Alpha Program when it can be done in person. He encouraged participation in the Pentecost Mission that is coming up. The Right to Life collection yielded over \$750.00.

Other Business

Eileen reported that there was a Cemetery Board Meeting during the month of April. There was some discussion of the sale of lots and upping the cost of the opening and closing of graves so we are not going backwards.

Father Rolando wanted to add that the counters this morning reported that they had more envelopes this past weekend than they have had since last March.

Mary Asam volunteered to be the prayer leader at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mary Hulewicz made a motion, seconded by Mary Asam to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Eileen led the closing prayer, and Father said the blessing.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Asam, Recording Secretary