

**St. Ignatius Church and School
Finance Council Meeting
Monday, February 21, 2022**

Chairperson Eileen Brege called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Judy Darga led us in opening prayer.

Members present: Present were Father Rolando Silva, Chairperson Eileen Brege, Bookkeeper Judy Darga, Ron Krawczak, Mike Lynch. Howard Madsen, Greg Hamel, Tom Gajewski, Secretary Mary Asam, Pastoral Council Liaison Magnus Wilson and John and Beth Budnik from the Maintenance Committee.

Absent: Laura Hilla and Mary Hulewicz, excused.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Lynch questioned the raise in tuition for the fourth child, etc., as we had discussed at the last meeting, as the letter dated January 28, 2022, to the families regarding the raise in tuition did not reflect that. Father explained that it does increase for the fourth child, etc. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25th meeting, seconded by Mike Lynch. Motion carried.

Grounds and Maintenance Report

Beth Budnik gave a report from the Grounds and Maintenance Committee. The ladders have been completed. Only seven feet needed to be removed from the chimney. A cement cap has been installed. The parking lot is to be resealed this year. They have a quote from Goodrich which needs to be signed and they need a 50% deposit. Bliss painting is unable to paint the nave of the church. They have asked for three quotes and have not received any. Magnus Wilson asked if volunteers could paint with the lift, and Father explained that they could not due to liability reasons. The kitchen was professional cleaned in December. It should be professional cleaned once a year or every other year. The carpet in the church is to be cleaned this year, and some of the carpet at the entrances is to be replaced. We have a quote from Rogers City Home Furnishings to replace the carpet. Some of the lights have been changed to LED in the church, and will continue to be changed as they are available. They will submit it to Consumers Power for assistance once completed. There is a problem with the switches in the church not working, and they have been unable to find where the problem is. Beth asked if a report from the Maintenance Committee could be published in the bulletin so that the parishioners are aware of all that has been done and all that needs to be done. Eileen asked that they submit a report to Father and Judy for approval, prioritizing what needs to be done in the future.

Financial Report

Judy Darga, Bookkeeper, presented the Quarterly Report. We received one more payment from the grant for extended employee retention program and should receive one more. Eileen Brege made a motion to approve the Quarterly Report, seconded by Mary Asam. Motion passed.

Judy presented the Parish Report to be published in the bulletin. Howard Madsen made a motion to approve it and Tom Gajewski seconded it. Motion carried.

Magnus Wilson gave a financial report on the Alpha program and said that it is self-sustaining at this time. Father wants to be sure that the balance of the money remains earmarked for this program specifically. The next Alpha program is scheduled to begin on March 8th.

Judy gave a report on CSA. We are \$507.00 short of target for 2021-2022. Pledges continue to be paid. There is going to be a request published in the bulletin this week that contributions be made to CSA for Lent. Father explained that the Diocese is changing the formula the CSA target to be based exclusively on ordinary income from church collections. We have received our target for this year and it is down to \$43,000.00 from \$46,000.00 last year.

Old Business

As mentioned above, some of the lights in the church have been changed to LED. Father said that the changes have improved the lighting considerably, and that we should address the issue with the switches and spend our money on more needed safety issues before we pursue additional lighting in the church. Eileen Brege made a motion, seconded by Howard Madsen. Motion passed.

Magnus said that he has talked to the school principal and starting in April there will be coffee and doughnuts after Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Each grade will be responsible for setting it up for one month, and the Pastoral Council and Finance Council will be responsible for one month. The Pastoral Council will be doing April. Mary Asam suggested that the Finance Council do it in July, as school will be out. The Finance Council is in support of this program.

We also discussed a children's choir again. Father will talk to Heather regarding possibly having the children singing at Mass on the weekends occasionally. Father does not want to put any more burdens on Sara Mulka, as she already puts many hours in at the school.

Perhaps we could find someone else to lead the children's choir on the weekends. The Finance Council is in support of any additional funding that would be needed for this.

New Business

None.

Pastoral Council Liaison Report

Magnus Wilson gave an update on the Pastoral Council. They had much discussion regarding the Synodality program at their last meeting. They also discussed expanding the criteria for members of the Pastoral Council.

Other Business

We will have a special meeting of the Finance Council on April 25th to go over the budget for next year.

As discussed, the Finance Council approved the parking lot resealing, carpet cleaning in the church, and replacement of the carpet at the entrances of the church.

The Diocese has set a minimum compensation for Parish employees at \$15.00 an hour. Father, Judy and Heather have been working on increasing the employees who do not make that much to \$13.00 right now, working towards \$15.00 in the next year.

The Diocese has also provided a recommended salary schedule for all teachers in the Diocese. Judy and Heather are working together to see what we can afford for increases at this time.

Greg Hamel volunteered to be the prayer leader at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Howard Madsen made a motion, seconded by Greg Hamel to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Judy Darga led the closing prayer, and Father said the blessing.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Asam, Recording Secretary