

HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
Finance Council Minutes  
November 24, 2015

Present: Michele Biehl, Ken King, Mary Paitrick, Bob Kowalski, Bill Chenier, Steve Peterich, Terry Girard, Fr. Celestine Byekwaso, and Pamela Meyers.

Guest: Jamie Benson

Fr. Celestine opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of October 20, 2015 were approved via e-mail from Terry Girard, Bill Chenier and Steve Peterich. The agenda was approved with the addition of a presentation by Jamie Benson from the Pastoral Council.

Jamie Benson talked about the results of a survey sent to about 18 people via e-mail. There were five areas that were rated regarding their importance to parishioners. Education was listed as number one with worship as number two and stewardship as number 3 in importance. The survey will be sent to more parishioners and the results will be reviewed.

Terry Girard introduced Mary Paitrick as the newest member to the Finance Council. She was welcomed by each member.

Bob Kowalski reported on the Buildings and Grounds. Bob was asked by our insurance carrier to inspect all the buildings owned by the Parish. This was a self-inspection that will be submitted to the insurance company. He noted that there are flammable wreaths near the furnace at Our Lady of Lourdes that need to be removed. At St. Joseph Church there are no exit signs at any of the entrances. The roof has been repaired at St. Joseph Church at a cost of \$4,695.

The balance sheet and income statements were reviewed. The envelope collections were down by \$29,927. The Hamilton family has sent a donation to the Parish in the amount of \$20,000. Also, the John Plouff family has donated \$5,000 to the Parish and \$3,000 to the Adoration Chapel. A thank you was put in the bulletin for both these donations and a thank you letter to each family.

Drees Electric has been completing some needed projects. Lights in the ceiling by the choir were installed at OLOL and burned out lights replaced in the church ceiling and a dusk to dawn light by the handicapped entrance. One more burned out light in the ceiling will be replaced by the altar. A cover was installed on an outlet in the basement at OLOL and in the furnace room at the Parish Hall. They replaced light bulbs in the parish hall and replaced several ballasts. Another spot light was put on the pole in the parking lot behind OLOL Church and the main light was turned toward the parking lot. It was facing the hedge.

Drees Electric was asked to install another light switch in the basement of St. Joseph Church. The present switch, that lights the basement for the furnaces, cannot be seen without a flash

light. Also the dusk to dawn light facing the parking lot on the Parish Hall needs a new bulb. The new lights installed in the Parish Hall parking lot show a lot more light.

Johnston Furnace is replacing one of the furnaces at St. Joseph Church this week. The radio station is not using the room in the basement at St. Joseph Church any longer so this will free up some storage area. The radio station was moved to Menominee.

The Parish received a letter from the Rescue Squad for a donation. Michele Biehl made a motion to send them \$250 and seconded by Ken King. Motion carried.

Stewardship forms were filled out in both churches several weeks ago. This information is compiled and entered in each parishioners computer file. Lists have been printed listing who signed up for which need. It was discussed by the Pastoral Council to send thank you letters to each person that signed up listing the areas that they signed up for. This would require a considerable amount of time and money since the letters would not be enough for a bulk mailing. The Finance Council would like Elizabeth to put a thank you letter in the bulletin thanking everyone who signed up for various projects and note that when there is a need for any of the projects, they would be called. The needs cover a wide range of areas and not everyone would be called if there is not that specific need this coming year.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Courtney Room at the Parish Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Meyers