

Finance Council

Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2025



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

Location: School Commons
Meeting Date: May 29, 2025 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:33 pm
Members present: Fr. Jim Lucas, Paul Patterson, Craig Gezella, Molly Gutkowski, Lexi Winling, John Style, Chad Bianchi, Mike Ruby, Terry Patrick, Eric Van de Yacht, Diana Ball
Staff/Guest: Sarah Wulf
Opening Prayer: Molly Gutkowski

Approve Minutes: Minutes for the April, 2025 meeting - motion to approve by Molly Gutkowski seconded by Terry Patrick. All in favor, motion carried.

Giving Ministry –

- **Pastoral Council** – Due to Ken Brzozowski work schedule, Diana Ball will be replacing Ken as short-term liaison to the Finance Council. The last P.C. meeting was on 5/8/2025. 2 new P.C. members will be selected on 6/8/2025. P.C.'s main focus is Bringing People Back to Mass. Members recently attended the St. Paul Street Evangelization training, looking to use this training for all the committee members.
- **SCRIP** – no report
- **Stewardship Education Initiatives** – No report
- **Booster Club Update** – Gym floor replacement has started. Met fundraising goal. Received \$35,000 grant from GRACE for the project.
- **Wills, Bequests and Endowments** – John will work on shortening the informational letter. Will pick this up again in July for an October rollout.
- **Fundraising** – Blessfest is scheduled for 9/14/2025. Each committee/group is running their own areas of Blessfest, and the proceeds will be going to specific projects. F.C. will be working the cash raffle and silent auction, looking for ideas and guidance from the F.C. in promoting raffle ticket sales. There will be further discussion on other ideas.
- **Green Envelopes** – Ministry Center roof project. The funding goal achieved with match. A major donation is coming in for this project.
- **Blue Envelopes** – No report.
- **Buildings & Grounds** – The plan is to upgrade a classroom this year, more rooms to follow in coming years if all goes well. The Village of Howard donated large stones around the Calvary Crosses. McAllister Landscape Supply donated the river rock and weed barrier for the area, which were installed by volunteer labor.
- **Cemetery** – busy with people buying prior to prices going up on June 1.
- **Personnel** – Ruth Holloway going to part-time 19 hours a week or less starting on 7/1. The process to find a 32-hour a week replacement is not working. The plan in the short term is to absorb Ruth's roles in with the current personnel.

Financial Health & Approval of financial statements – Envelope giving up 7%, online giving down. We are no longer promoting online giving due to the credit card fees. The continued review of the financials is going well. Believe we are 90% of the way to fully accurate numbers. A motion was made by Mike Ruby to approve the April 2025 financials, seconded by Chad Bianchi with a note that this is a continued work in progress. All in favor, motion carried.

Business Manager Updates – Sarah is looking to create a communication to those who say through the Active Member Movement that they are giving to the parish, but we have no record of it. This is mainly Faith Formation and school families. The goal is to get their giving on record. She is also going to start looking at age 26 individuals to get them as parish members themselves. Also looking at parishioners who have not completed the covenant, ask them why and give them another chance.

One By One Campaign Update – process moving forward. Proxy at the diocese, expecting it back soon. Meeting with the architects is scheduled for 7/3/2025.

Budget – FC had discussion on the next budget. Sarah will make number updates as discussed, and she will send out to FC members for review.

Next Meeting & Adjournment – Joint Meeting with Parish Council - June 26, 2025, 6:00PM in the Commons. Motion was made to adjourn by Molly Gutkowski, seconded by Mike Ruby. All were in favor; motion carried 8:36PM.

Closing Prayer – Terry Patrick

Respectfully submitted by John Style