

# Finance Council

## Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2023

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St. John  
THE Baptist  
CATHOLIC PARISH

**Location:** School Commons  
**Meeting Date:** December 20, 2023 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:32 pm  
**Members present:** Fr. Jim Lucas, Paul Patterson, John Style, Craig Gezella, Sarah Wulf, Jeff Taylor, Terry Patrick, Molly Gutowski, Gary Lockstein  
**Opening Prayer:** John Style

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes from November 30, 2023 meeting - motion to approve by Gary Lockstein seconded by John Style. All in favor, motion carried.

### Giving Ministry

- **SCRIP** – No report. They were selling SCRIP at Christmas concert.
- **Education** – Jeff connected with St. Vincent de Paul Society, who are interested in collaborating in the future. Will look to connect St. Vincent de Paul Society with Social Concerns.
- **Cost Optimization** – No report.
- **Green Envelopes** – Looking at another push possibly in April/May 2024. The green envelopes could be utilized towards the heritage church roof.

**Financial Health Update/Approval of Financials** – Received a \$100,000 quote for the heritage church roof, and a \$46,000 quote to repair/restripe the parking lot. Expenses are lower. There was discussion on Other Expenses being \$37,000 more than last year, along with Other Revenue up \$56,000 from last year. These numbers will need further research and discussion. A motion was made by Molly Gutowski to approve the November 2023 financials, seconded by Craig Gezella. All were in favor of approving the November 2023 financials, the motion carried.

**Business Manager's Report** – Lisa Piechota's last day is 12/28/2023. Tracy McAllister has been named Business Administrative Assistant, and Ashley Prokash will also assist. Sarah is also looking for new IT support, she is receiving good support in finding the right IT provider.

**Bishop's Appeal Update** – We received a late gift from parishioner to put us over the top. Next year's goal will increase. The Crozier reach-out was deemed worthwhile. Croziers made up 60% of the total gifts.

**Appreciation Breakfast** – Sunday January 14, 2024. Will include a Ministry Fair.

### Liaison Reports:

- **Building & Grounds** – discussed Christmas set-up in church, and appreciation breakfast set-up. Also discussed work needed in the parking lot to connect a pipe.
- **Booster Club** – Paul will reach out to Booster Club to get them connected with the Finance Council.
- **Cemetery** – niche pre-sale ending on 12/31/2023 (started the weekend of 9/9-9/10/2023). 21 niches, 6 urn gardens and 10 plots have been sold. They will be looking for another sale push after the holidays.

**Closing Prayer** – Molly Gutowski

Gary Lockstein made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Molly Gutowski. The meeting was adjourned by Paul Patterson at 7.53 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday January 23, 2024, 6:30-8:00 Joint Meeting with Pastoral Council in the Narthex. F.C. Members need to RSVP to Diana Ball prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by John Style