

# Finance Council

## Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024



St. John  
THE Baptist  
CATHOLIC PARISH

Our Mission Statement: Supporting the parish mission through the wise stewardship of the temporal gifts entrusted by God to the parish.

**Location:** School Commons  
**Meeting Date:** February 22, 2024 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:33 pm  
**Members present:** Fr. Jim Lucas, Paul Patterson, John Style, Craig Gezella, Chad Bianchi, Terry Patrick, Jeff Taylor, Molly Gutowski, Gary Lockstein  
**Staff/Guest:** Sarah Wulf, Lynn McKean, Dan Tooley  
**Opening Prayer:** Paul Patterson

Approve Minutes: Minutes from January 30, 2024 meeting - motion to approve by Craig Gezella seconded by Molly Gutowski. All in favor, motion carried.

### Giving Ministry

- SCRIP: Lynn McKean explained the SCRIP financial numbers, specifically what SJB makes from GBASP for the administration of SCRIP. Lynn indicated that we could increase the payment to SJB from the current 0.25% to 0.50%. A motion was made by Molly Gutowski to increase the payment, seconded by Jeff Taylor. All were in favor, the motion carried.
- Booster Club Update: Dan Tooley gave an update on what they have been working on. Project has started to replace the gym lights with high bay LED's, fixed the stands in the gym, and completed an archery net for the archery team. They would like to replace the gym floor in the future. The two Packer booths are getting to be more automated, so they are not sure of the future of that relationship.
- Education: No report
- Cost Optimization: Warm weather helped with expenses. Lack of snow helped with snow plowing expenses, lower natural gas costs and more efficient furnaces helped with energy costs. Still going through the TDS set-up, so that savings has not yet been seen.
- Green Envelopes: No report

Financial Health Update/Approval of Financials – The FC discussed the January 2024 financial summary. A motion was made by Craig Gezella to approve the January 2024 financials, seconded by Jeff Taylor. All were in favor of approving the January 2024 financials, the motion carried.

Business Manager's Report: Sarah discussed 2024 parish needs document. We are looking at a bulletin insert and video to be done before the end of March 2024. She also talked about the Active Member Movement currently happening with school families. We have already received half the responses back. The process is meant to encourage positive and active responses. The Active Member Movement will next be for Faith Formation families, then new parish members, and finally all parish members.

Bishop's Appeal Update – Fr. Jim gave an update. We are behind from last year; currently at 31% of goal compared to 39% last year. More updates on the status of the Bishop's Appeal will be added to future bulletins, keeping parishioners updated on where we are at compared to goal.

Liaison Reports – Craig gave a Building & Grounds update. B&G is discussing the school commons plans, a potential pavilion on the east side of the pond, and the parking lot repair and reseal.

Closing Prayer – Chad Bianchi

A motion was made by John Style to end the meeting, seconded by Molly Gutowski. All were in favor, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Paul Patterson at 8:03 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday March 21, 2024, 6:30-8:00 in the School Commons

Respectfully submitted by John Style