

Finance Council

Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2025



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

Council 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	March 25, 2025 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:29 pm
Members present	Fr. Jim Lucas, Paul Patterson, Craig Gezella, Molly Gutkowski, Lexi Winling, Ken Brzozowski, John Style, Chad Bianchi
Absent	Mike Ruby, Terry Patrick, Eric Van de Yacht
Staff/Guest	Sarah Wulf
Opening Prayer	Chad Bianchi

Approve Minutes: Minutes for the February, 2025 meeting - motion to approve by Ken Brzozowski seconded by Molly Gutkowski. All in favor, motion carried.

Cemetery Discussion – Lynn McKean and Cassidy Hickman joined the meeting for an update from the cemetery committee. The cemetery committee is asking for an extension on the final loan payment for the cemetery columbarium project. The current niches are 60% sold, the cemetery committee is looking at the next phase of the project. Costs have doubled, and they do not expect them to go down. There will be another push between Easter and Memorial Day to sell the remaining niches. The cemetery committee is also looking at new software that will need to be implemented. The F.C. discussed the cemetery committee's request for an extension on the final loan payment.

Giving Ministry –

- **Booster Club** – No report. Gym floor project starting on May 5, 2025
- **SCRIP** – Molly will come up with ideas from her previous experiences to lay out steps for a potential SCRIP requirement for school families.
- **Memorial** – John will work on creating an informational letter regarding legacy giving to the parish for use on the parish website and future bulletins. Chad found a more in-depth piece on the subject that John will merge with the current letter. John will present a draft copy to the F.C. for approval when ready.
- **Cost optimization** – Garbage collection has been changed to Harter's Disposal for a cost savings. A reminder that Constellation for natural gas is ending 11/1/2025, which will also have cost savings.
- **Green Envelopes** – No report
- **Buildings & Grounds** – Campus cleanup scheduled for April 12, 2025. Great Lakes Roofing Corp. has been selected for the roof replacement project for the Ministry Center. Also looking to improve the reflection of the Entrance/Exit signs in the parking lot.
- **Pastoral Council** – Ken reported that the Pastoral Council is still concentrating on the Back to Mass initiative, which is an ongoing strong focus for Fr. Jim. Ken was able to watch a video on the Mass, which he found very informative and inspirational. Not a lot of people have watched the video, but there is hope that more people to watch it.

Financial Health & Approval of financial statements – Parish support is up 8%. A group is continuing to review the financial reporting, there is confidence that they know where the issues are. Time is just needed to fix, looking at possibly for the May 2025 financials. A motion was made by Chad Bianchi to approve the February 2025 financials, seconded by Craig Gezella with a note that this is a continued work in progress. All in favor, motion carried.

Business Manager Updates – Sarah reported that Ruth Holloway will be going part-time. Looking to hire someone at 32 hours with full benefits to take some of Ruth's roles. Sarah is starting to look at the next budget, more to come on that. Sarah gave her thoughts on salary and insurance increases for the next budget. Sarah also shared informational pieces for parishioners on the Ministry Center roof project and the one by One Campaign.

Bishop's Appeal Update – 76% (\$125,074) to 2025 goal of \$164,572. By comparison, this time last year we were 78% to goal. Goal was lower last year. We are at the same pace as last year.

Next Meeting & Adjournment – April 29, 2025, 6:30PM in the Commons. Motion was made to adjourn by Ken Brzozowski, seconded by Craig Gezella. All were in favor; motion carried 7:54PM.

Closing Prayer – Ken Brzozowski

Respectfully submitted by John Style