

# Finance Council

Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2023

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St. John  
THE Baptist  
CATHOLIC PARISH

**Location:** School Commons  
**Meeting Date** October 26, 2023 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:31 pm  
**Members present** Fr. Jim Lucas, Paul Patterson, John Style, Craig Gezella, Sarah Wulf, Jeff Taylor, Terry Patrick, Molly Gutowski  
**Absent** Gary Lockstein  
**Opening Prayer** Jeff Taylor

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes from September 28, 2023 meeting - motion to approve by Craig Gezella seconded by Chad Bianchi. All in favor, motion carried.

## Giving Ministry

- SCRIP – Molly discussed some of her experiences with SCRIP when she was at Notre Dame De Pere.
- Endowment/Memorial – John Style discussed the Will/Estate Seminar that is happening on November 6, 2023. The seminar will include local attorney Corey Kimps and Jared Stroik of the Catholic Foundation.
- Education – No report
- Cost Optimization – No report
- Fundraising – Sarah asked that the Finance Council own the handling of money at future Blessfests. There are no fundraisers currently scheduled in the future.
- Green Envelopes – Looking at another push in early Spring 2024. Include a renewed list of projects. Looking at \$500,00 in projects over the next 5 years. Need to look into the potential for matching gifts.

Bishops Appeal – 2023 goal was \$153,543, we have received \$146,401 (\$6,142 under the goal). There were 521 gifts, and the average gift was \$281. There were 109 Croziers.

Financial Health Update/Approval of Financials – \$39,000 revenue positive. Restricted donations up \$60,000, Unrestricted donations up \$71,000. SCRIP up 50%, due to September promotion with Kwik Trip. FC discussed moving some cash into a money market or CD. FC recommended moving 250,000 out of bank account into money market or CD. A motion was made by Jeff Taylor to approve the September 2023 financials (with explanations), seconded by Terry Patrick. All were in favor of approving the September 2023 financials with further explanations, the motion carried.

Annual Meeting – Saturday November 4, 2023 after the 4:30 pm Mass. The plan is for one hour with food available.

Growing Forward – 2 main sections to the Parish Mission: Active Member Movement and Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Jim said the plans are good.

Notre Dame Academy subsidy - the NDA subsidy decreased by \$7,483, from \$45,1114 to \$37,631.

Closing Prayer – Paul Patterson

Molly Gutowski made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Jeff Taylor. The meeting was adjourned by Paul Patterson at 8:04 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday November 30, 2023, 6:30-8:00 in the School Commons.

Respectfully submitted by John Style