

# Finance Council

## Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2022

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**St. John**  
**THE Baptist**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

<b>Location:</b>	Commons
<b>Meeting Date</b>	March 31, 2022, called to order by John Style at 6:30pm
<b>Members present</b>	John Style, Fr. Jim Lucas, Karen Monfre, Chad Bianchi, Jeff Taylor Craig Gezella, Paul Patterson, Gary Lockstein, Kelly Williams
<b>Guest Attendee</b>	None
<b>Absent</b>	Michelle Dahlke, Sarah Wulf
<b>Staff Present</b>	None
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Craig Gezella

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes from December meeting - motion to approve by Craig Gezella seconded by Paul. All in favor.

### Reports

- **Bank Reconciliation – Craig Gezella – No concerns**
- **GRACE –Budget is in the process of being completed. Parish investment will be reduced based on a new factoring from the Diocese. Enrollment is expected to be up 5%. Wages will also go up 5% - which is a good step, but a sub-group is doing an assessment to create a recommendation to do more to keep us competitive.**
- **Buildings & Grounds – Craig Gezella**
  - **Spring clean-up 4/23**
  - **Woods and wetland plan was shared – there are seven phases. A landscape architect was donated by a B&G committee member as part of one of the phases. Also, 300 saplings will be planted.**
  - **In addition, the Village is potentially interested in a path from Meadowbrook trail to their new path on velp. This will start with a wetland survey.**
- **Cemetery Committee – Sarah Wulf – Discussions are occurring regarding financials of supporting the expansion.**
- **Pastoral Council – Gary Lockstein**
  - **Mike Iverson was the guest. Reviewed Faith Formation opportunities.**
  - **Active member movement was discussed.**
- **Safety Committee – Sarah Wulf – An idea was presented regarding safety. These ideas will be developed further.**
- **Financials – Most financial discussions were handled via email in anticipation of Sarah being absent. Moved to approve by Karen and seconded by Chad.**
- **Business Manager's Report – No update with the amazing Sarah.**
- **Topic of the Month- Bishops Appeal - \$141,149 is the goal for 2022 which is up 4.6%. Currently, \$91,245 has been contributed, which is 65% of our goal. This includes 83 less contributors and \$27,000 less than last year at this time.**
- **One by One Campaign Update - As of March 29**
  - **Total gifts \$4,321,429**
  - **Total paid \$1,680,382**
  - **Pledge balance \$2,641,047**
  - **Donor count 452**
  - **Cash available \$582,356**

**We are seeking professional architectural services to assist with our project planning.**

- **Financial Stewardship – As mentioned above, there will be a Covenant Weekend May 21-22<sup>nd</sup> focused on the building blocks of Prayer, Service and Giving. Weekends leading up to the Covenant Weekend will include materials and discussions focusing on each of the building blocks. A new Giving Ministry is forming to assist this effort. Carl Buchinger will lead. Jeff Taylor, Paul Patterson, and Chad Bianchi expressed interest in participating.**
- **Closing Prayer – Chad Bianchi**

**A motion was made at 8:10 PM to adjourn the meeting by Chad Biachi, seconded by Jeff Taylor. All in favor.**

**Future meeting: Next meeting is March 24, 2022 in the School Commons. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Dahlke.**