

Finance Council

Joint Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2023



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

Location:	School Commons
Meeting Date	January 26, 2023 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:33pm
Members present	Finance Council, Pastoral Council
Staff Present	Sarah Wulf
Opening Prayer	Fr. Jim Lucas

- **Parish Mission Plan (Becky Bond)** – Update on 2022-23 Parish Mission Plan. Continue to tweak plan in certain areas. Discussed Goal #2, which is championed by the FC.
- **Giving Ministry (Paul Patterson)** – FC update on the different areas of the Giving Ministry (different ways to raise parish funds and bring people together). Legacy Giving / Endowments – plan is to bring it up more to parish members. 5% annually comes out of endowments to the parish, emphasizing talking about it more than in the past. There will be a letter coming up regarding Memorial Fund. FC group reviewing parish cost optimizations – what can we do at a lower cost. Have discussed at Masses electronic giving. Have discussed SCRIP more to the parish, those efforts have paid off (15% net increase). Looking at fundraising opportunities: expansion of Blessfest and possible calendar fundraiser (little cost, easy fundraiser). Discussed ongoing efforts to making parish members aware of educational opportunities in the areas of budgeting and financial planning. FC members have met with parish groups regarding protocols for those who handle money, making sure groups are protecting themselves. These efforts have been rewarding, for these groups were not aware of these protocols.
- **Discipleship Ministry (Diana Ball)** – This is a work in progress, initially started in December 2022. There are a number of areas the Discipleship Ministry will champion - Entrust Retreat (hosted by Pastoral Council at SJB March 24-25), Active Member Movement (ties into the New Member Experience), Forerunners Committee (hope this committee will develop and oversee Adult Faith Formation), and the Worship Jesus phase of the discipleship process. Karen Monfre discussed a Cursillo coming to SJB, dates to be determined.
- **Parish Town Hall (Fr. Jim)** – Planning meetings have concluded. The architectural group working with us, The Samuels Group, working on the full package (conceptual drawings, costs, etc.). Delay in receiving the full package, looking at mid to late February 2023. We will be looking for a firm date when we will receive the completed full package. Discussed next steps – set priorities (construction costs up 40%). Discussed how to share information – a save the date for a Parish Town Hall. Discussed a possible agenda for the Town Hall - who should be invited, give an update to attendees how we got here, discuss with attendees the parish wants vs needs, and allow feedback from the attendees.
- **Bishop's Appeal (Fr Jim)** – kickoff the weekend of February 4-5. This year's goal is \$152,543, 8% goal increase from last year. If we are short of the goal, it becomes an assessment to the parish. If we are over the goal, 50% comes back to the parish. Fr. Jim shared letter to parish members regarding Bishop's Appeals impact on parish life, welcomed feedback. Fr. Jim asked for continued prayers for a good response to the Appeal, he will give updates on the progress. His promotion efforts will center around hitting the goal.
- **Financials/Budget Process (Paul Patterson)** – discussed the budgeting process for next year. Emphasized continued aggressive budgeting. Last year's aggressive budgeting is going well so far.
- **Closing Prayer** – Jeff Taylor

The meeting was adjourned by Paul Patterson at 8:04 PM.

Next meeting Thursday February 23, 2023, 6:30-8:00 in the School Commons.

Respectfully submitted by John Style