

# Finance Council

## Joint Meeting Minutes \_ February 25, 2021

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St. John  
THE Baptist  
CATHOLIC PARISH

Location:	Parish Commons
Meeting Date	February 25, 2021 called to order by Michelle Dahlke at 6:34pm
Members present	Jeff Taylor, Mike Ruby, Craig Gezella, Michelle Dahlke, Paul Patterson, John Style
Absent	Chad Bianchi , Kelly Williams and Don VanDeYacht, all excused.
Staff Present	Fr. Jim Lucas, Sarah Wulf, Lisa Piechota,
Opening Prayer	Sarah Wulf

Approve Minutes: Minutes from October meeting motion to approve by Craig Gezella, seconded by John Style all were in favor.

### Reports

- Bank Reconciliation – Craig Gezella - all good for January 2021.
- Stewardship – Paul Patterson said there was no meeting in February. Fr. Jim said they are focusing on the stewardship of prayer during lent.
- Site Advisory - Kelly Williams, absent but reported MAP scores being reviewed to determine educational shortfalls. Strong SJB enrollment 293 students enrolled and a waitlist for Pre-School.
- GRACE – Kelly Williams, absent, but reported enrollment 88% have re-enrolled for 2021 Fall School Year. Chesterton Academy is open for enrollment. Plans for GRACE childcare program underway. Catholic Schools are winning based upon many articles being published.
- Buildings & Grounds – Craig Gezella – Discussed heating and cooling for Ministry Center. Two proposals received and they are pretty close in price from Hurckman and Basset. Discussed parking lot design and layout. April 3<sup>rd</sup> is set up for Easter.
- Pastoral Council Don VanDeYacht, absent. Fr John reported. The original Mission Plan is back in the works taking the plan and simplifying it. Parishioner reengagement campaign is being discussed.
- Cemetery – Sarah. Curb and gutter being put in and the cost is \$55,000 and still learning if SJB is responsible or not due to non-profit status.
- Financials presented by Mike Ruby in summary form. It was explained that the forgiven PPP funds were moved to income in December therefore the large unrestricted. Motion to approve financials for January by Paul Patterson and seconded by John Style all were in favor.
- Sarah Wulf reported they are still trying to hire additional faith formation people. Sound and audio are done in the church and Narthex. New technology in the Narthex. More access points for Wi-fi in the church. SAC & Booster club gave \$15,000 for HVAC projects.
- Fr Jim said Chad Bianchi has been appointed to the council this last month and his first term will end in June 2024. There was discussion about upcoming terms and Michelle agreed to add a one-year term to 2023, John Style and Craig Gezella volunteered to add a second 3-year term through 2025.
- Fr Jim said Fr Matt from Nativity wanted to have a competition for meeting the Bishop's goal this year.
- Capital campaign – Jeff & Fr Jim met with diocese building committee and received their approval for HVAC needs and we should get approval from the Bishop once we prove our financial commitment is met. Need to get the word out. Various things in the works.
- Closing Prayer – Paul Patterson

A motion was made at 8:00 PM to adjourn the meeting by John Style seconded by Jeff Taylor and all were in favor.

Future meeting: March 25, 2021 Parish Commons 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted February 25, 2021 by Mike Ruby