

Finance Council

Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

Location:	School Commons
Meeting Date	March 23, 2023 called to order by Paul Patterson at 6:35pm
Members present	Fr. Jim Lucas, Gary Lockstein, Craig Gezella, Paul Patterson, John Style, Karen Monfre, Jeff Taylor, Terry Patrick
Guest	Bill Wulf
Absent	Chad Bianchi
Staff Present	Sarah Wulf
Opening Prayer	Terry Patrick

Approve Minutes: Minutes from February 23, 2023 meeting - motion to approve by Craig Gezella seconded by Jeff Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Facilities Manager, Bill Wulf, started the meeting by presenting the bids he has received for a roofing project needed in sections 1 & 2 (Gym/School Commons) and 3 (school classrooms). Those roof areas had failing grades on a roof inspection with considerable rotting and tenting. Bill was able to get a number of quotes for the needed work (all with 20-year warranties), and he presented a summary of the quotes to the Finance Council. After much discussion on roofing products and timelines, the Finance Council has requested that Bill get re-bids from the contractors using the Fibertite product (36 and 45 mm). Bill will request the re-bids, and we will be able to discuss via email for a decision by mid-April 2023. The Finance Council also discussed strategies to fund the project.

Reports

- Giving Ministry Initiative Updates:
 - **SCRIP** – net income from SCRIP up 10% from last year.
 - **Endowment/Memorial** – continuing to finalize the memorial letter.
 - **Stewardship Information and Education** – Jeff Taylor indicated more to follow on this subject. There is a lot of interest in this subject matter, hoping for more discussions as Spring Breaks end. He is looking to establish members of a sub-committee.
 - **Cost Optimization** – no report.
 - **Fundraising** – Sarah discussed recent meetings she had with Craig Gezella and John Style regarding the Calendar Raffle. Strategy for the raffle was discussed with a goal of beginning the sale the last weekend in April. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the roofing project. Sarah will also be re-introducing the Green Envelope campaign to parishioners as another avenue to fund the roofing project. Blessfest will be discussed at future meetings, we are currently determining a potential date.
- Capital Campaign Update – Fr. Jim gave an update that progress is being made, now planning the Town Hall meeting. The committee is grappling with cost increases in the construction industry since the pandemic. It has been determined we will stay the course. We will be able to address some items identified during the campaign, maybe not all. Our 3-year strategy may be expanded to a longer-term plan.
- Financials – (February 2023 financials) – Parish support still up, expenses down compared to budget. Fr. Jim discussed the potential for stewardship to start slowing towards end of church year. John Style made a motion to approve the financials. Karen Monfre seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Business Manager's Report – Sarah Wulf discussed the possibility for an outreach to Active Member Movement covenant form responders who indicate they are actively contributing, but we have no record of their contributions. The goal is to inform them of the benefits of being an official contributing member. Sarah also mentioned that a speaker in the church is not working, and that there may be a major cost to repair/replace.
- Bishop's Appeal – Fr. Jim sent the Finance Council members an email update, the current numbers were discussed.
- Liaison Reports – No report.
- Closing Prayer – Jeff Taylor

Karen Monfre made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Jeff Taylor. The meeting was adjourned by Paul Patterson at 8:40 PM.

Next meeting Thursday April 27, 2023, 6:30-8:00 in the School Commons.

Respectfully submitted by John Style