

**St. Patrick's Finance Council Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2020**

Call to order at 6:12 pm December 1, 2020 by Jeff Whitson via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Pastor - Father Nick March P

Chair – Jeff Whitson P

Secretary – Sara Breitbach P

Member – Bob Gravel P

Member – Jeremy Venenga P

Member – Bill Broghammer P

Total members in attendance: 6

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from the preceding meeting were approved.

Financial Report: The financial reports were reviewed. Only a small portion of tuition has been collected so far this year. Pre-school grant money has yet to be received.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

School Annual Fund – A balanced budget was projected if the Annual Fund netted \$22,000, but with lower enrollment we would still be running a \$13,000 deficit. A net of \$35,000 would mean a balanced budget by year end. **This council recommends any funds in addition to \$35,000 received from the annual appeal be directed to a school building and grounds fund.**

Tracking School Finances year to date – Members discussed stewardship and parish resources with regard to school finances. Unexpected health care costs, a loss of fundraising due to the pandemic, lower enrollment and budget inaccuracies have resulted in the school financial situation becoming a bit gloomy but not a crisis.

Families who seek tuition assistance have many options. Our school's tuition assistance programs are very strong monetarily (STO and Kucera funds). Our school's cost per child is higher than the diocesan average, but that increased cost is due to having more staff and fewer students than other schools. The council views this as a worthwhile cost. There's no pressure to change the status quo as the school is serving its students well.

Buildings and Grounds

Sacristy Door Update – The door still needs to be installed.

Equipping Church Basement for audio/video – Almost all of the equipment for this project (camera, tripod, HDMI cable, etc.) has been purchased and should be installed before Christmas Eve mass. The project came in well under the \$2,500 budget.

School Gym Heating Units – The heating units are ordered. School D&L funds will be used to pay for this project.

Bell tower stairs – The Building and Improvement account could cover any costs incurred with this project, although it shouldn't be an expensive update.

The next meeting will take place Thursday, January 28, 2020 at 6pm.

Pastor's Closing Blessing

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Breitbach