

St. Patrick's Finance Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021

Call to order at 6:05 pm February 25, 2021 by Jeff Whitson.

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. Two of four quarterly pre-school checks were brought in. There was a great deal of OSV giving in December with Christmas giving. The parish is looking to hire a part-time maintenance worker for church and school. CFAD is seeing good returns with four or five years left of the ten year trust. Overall, finances are doing pretty well.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Parish Budget – Discussion took place concerning the need to adjust the parish subsidy to the school to \$4,000 for coming year. The school recently raised tuition and also clarified fundraising. It's difficult to balance the school budget without raising the parish contribution. A staff (including Pastoral administration and office staff) salary increase of 2.5% (cost of living) to base pay was discussed and deemed a necessity. As a rule of thumb: tuition, fundraising and parish subsidy should each contribute 33% to the overall cost of running the school. The budgeted numbers for next year follow this guideline quite closely as parish subsidy fills in the gap for tuition. Paying tuition is going very well as families are being contacted if they miss a payment or need any tuition assistance.

The TAXA budget will be raised 3%. DAPP will basically be left unchanged for next year.

A maintenance worker (lock up, do handy work) will be added to the budget at around \$13-15 per hour for eight hours per week.

The Fish Fry will remain in the budget for next year. The golf outing will be stricken from the budget.

Utilities, lawn care and snow removal will be reviewed for ways to potentially trim the budget.

Health care was discussed and options were weighed. Most staff are on their spouse's health care plan so only single teachers need health care through the school.

Totus Tuus will be included in the budget.

NCYC will be more expensive for those kids that attend this year because fundraising is limited due to the pandemic. The Knights will do a scholarship for NCYC.

Buildings and Grounds

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

School Gym Heating Units – The heating units are installed, working and paid for.

The next meeting will take place Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6pm.

Pastor's Closing Blessing

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Breitbach