

St. John the Apostle Church
Parish Finance and Pastoral Council Meeting
April 16, 2023

Members Present: Father Toan Do, Deacon Mike Jones, Chairman Tony Brown, Andy Miller, Kathy Thissen, Elizabeth Arnold, Christy Gossett, Denice Jackson, Ed Kopp and Bookkeeper Judy Yates. Not present – Jeremy Stull.

- Opening Prayer led by Father Toan at 11:20 AM
- Bank Statements passed around and signed off on – noted by Judy that WesBanco raised the rate on the General Account to 1.25%
- Archdiocese Savings Report – Savings has a balance of \$540,403.00 and the cemetery has a balance of \$100,279.00
- 3rd Quarter Finance Report – Finance report reviewed. We are in great shape going into the 4th Quarter. No large discrepancies with the budget.
- Old Business
 1. Convent update – The plan is to move forward with renting out the basement as one apartment and the 1st floor as another apartment. The second floor will be used as a guest space for visitors, speakers, etc. We will rent to parishioners only. Deacon Mike made the motion to proceed and Christy seconded. Following the meeting, those that wished to, were invited to tour the Convent.
 2. Blacktopping and windows update – The total for the blacktopping will be \$68,506 and this includes from the road up and in front of the school. The work will begin May 30th. The parish office windows will be completed the week of April 24th. Worst case scenario will be \$57,560.
 3. HUB update – Currently we are \$300 in the negative on this ministry. We are looking for it to grow next year.

New Business

1. Rental Policy – Judy and Kathy are comparing our contract with the other local Catholic churches and are working to simplify ours down to 1 page, similar to theirs. This is a work in progress and more to come.
2. Security – There have been some parishioners express concern about our security in light of the recent mass shooting in Louisville. While there is no perfect answer, we discussed locking the side doors at the beginning of mass, therefore forcing late comers, or intruders, to enter through the back where they would be most visible. Father has asked for more input from parishioners before any new practices are put in place.
3. Food Bank – The Blessing Box is coming down, as it was abused and misused. The Food Bank has been moved to Room A and is every Thursday from 4:30-5:30. At this time, the Food Bank is close to self-supportive. The current balance in the account is \$16,794. There have been around in \$4500 in monetary donations. We also can receive donations from four area Dollar General Stores and that has been a tremendous help as well.
4. Funeral changes – currently we charge \$250 in fees (fee for use of the church, cantor and pianist) to the church for a parishioner's funeral mass. Father proposed

we should change this to \$0. We currently do not charge a fee for weddings or baptisms so we shouldn't charge a grieving family a fee either. The funeral music would be part of their ministry and there would be no fee for the cantor. Father also handed out the Funeral Mass Planning Information sheet for our review.

- Closing Prayer by Father at 12:45 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for July 16, 2023, after the 10 AM Mass