

**St. John the Apostle Church
Finance Council Meeting
January 12, 2021**

Members Present: Father Pepper Elliott, Deacon Mike Jones, Chairman Tony Brown, Judy Yates, Kathy Thissen, Christy Gossett, Andy Miller and Jeremy Stull. Elizabeth Arnold was unable to attend. Amanda Brown was also present as a guest speaker.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and Father Pepper gave an opening prayer.

Bank Statements: Reviewed and signed by members.

Narthex Report: \$1,177.46 is needed to balance this account. \$2,620.00 is remaining in pledges to come in. That would be a balance of \$1,442.54. One pledge holder has been purged due to non-payment for many years.

500 Club: The balance in this account is \$8,850.00. 249 tickets have been sold. We have 18-\$100.00 drawings and 1-\$1,500.00 drawing remaining for this year. The remaining balance should be \$5,500.00.

Archdiocese General Savings: \$318,605.68 Cemetery - \$22,886.66 WesBanco General checking - \$221,657.88 WesBanco Gaming checking - \$17,251.60

Finance Report: Attached, courtesy of Judy.

Office Copier: an amendment was made to the 1st quarter meeting. Upon refiguring the lease agreement being offered with Duplicators Sales and Service, it was realized to be less expensive to purchase the machine for \$920.00 as to leasing for 36 months at a total of \$2,610.00.

Cemetery Update: It was decided at our previous meeting that the mowing expense of the cemetery would be budgeted for the next year instead of being paid out of the cemetery account.

Renovating Bathrooms: Discussion about renovation that is needed of 2 ½ baths in the rectory and 1 ½ baths in the convent. Amanda Brown met with Sister Lydia and Sister Lucilla to discuss what was needed for renovations to update the bathrooms and make them more accessible. An estimate from West Shore Home to renovate all tubs/showers in the bathrooms was approximately \$26,290 with a one day installation. An estimate from Allen's S&T for the rest of the bathroom materials (sinks, toilets, etc) was approximately \$4,410. This makes the total cost of renovations approximately \$35,000-36,000. Mike made a motion to approve this and Andy seconded.

Hiring of part-time secretary: Discussion of possibly adding someone to help answer phones on days that other staff is here and current secretary is off (possibly Fridays and during Kris's time off - sick days and 4 weeks of vacation).

Motion to advise/recommend on this issue made by Jeremy Stull.

Open Discussion:

Fundraising: The Deep Winter Classic has been canceled due to covid. Hopefully, we may be able to have this on May 8, 2021, covid permitting.

Mass changes: We may now kneel in church. Discussion at upcoming parish council meeting about song books and continuing sign ups for church. Adding chairs in the Narthex for additional seating at masses.

Next meeting: attentively scheduled for April 12, 2021, 6:00 pm, Room B

Meeting Adjourned: This meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm and Father Pepper gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Christy Gossett