

St. John the Apostle Church  
Pastoral Parish Finance Council Meeting  
July 24, 2022

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Members present: Father Toan Do, Deacon Mike Jones, Chairman Tony Brown, Kathy Thissen, Elizabeth Arnold, Christy Gossett, Jeremy Stull, Denice Jackson, and Bookkeeper Judy Yates.

Absent : Andy Miller and Ed Kopp

Guest Speaker: Rodney Pickering

- Opening prayer led by Father at 11:22 AM
- Bank statements were passed around and signed by members present.
- Rodney Pickering gave an update on the blacktop and issues needing to be addressed. The concern to correct everything properly was discussed. Rodney suggested that a Geo-tech survey could show the extent of the problem, including an old sink hole that had been repaired in years past near the front entry from the road. The survey would cost \$5000. There is a concern of movement in the soil which could be avoided by limiting or eliminating heavy truck traffic from the driveway in this area, as well as correctly diverting water from this area with extra drainage. Also, there is an area near Diana's Park that may possibly need more attention as well, as far as correcting the drainage issue on this section of the property. Rodney brought a 2<sup>nd</sup> issue to light, which is a crack in the brick and foundation in the church, out front, near the mechanic room. This could be caused by natural settling and could likely need repair in the future but no set time for this.
- Archdiocese Savings Report - \$434,085.81 is the current balance of the savings / cemetery account has a balance of \$23,318.42
- **Old Business**
  1. Blacktopping - All the issues Rodney addressed were discussed, including the possible sink hole, and at this time it was decided to move forward on Phase 1 work on the blacktopping without the survey. Signs will need to be put in place to keep all heavy traffic off this section of blacktop. Phase 2 and Phase 3 are on hold until it is determined the final costs of the completed work.
  2. St. John the Apostle After School HUB – At the time of this meeting there are no applications for the role of director. The thought of multiple directors was mentioned but that brings up a concern as well. Jenn Shelton had asked for the use of the Convent basement for youth group and the HUB kids would take over the youth room. School Discussion – Nancy Tate has asked for \$120,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year to get a school started at St. John's which would be further subsidized with fundraising. She asked for blessing at this time to begin the process of Meade County Catholic Education Fund, which is a fundraising entity to benefit kids in Meade County on needs-based basis. It was decided that Nancy would need to move forward to obtain a 501c3. This could be revisited in the future after seeing how the After School HUB goes.
  3. City sewer coming through the property – the county will sign a 5 year lease.
  4. Charity Needs – It's been agreed for a committee to be formed to manage charity needs. Molly Fackler and Katrina Fitzgerald have volunteered. All who were present gave their approval to put these ladies in place on this committee.

- **New Business**

1. 2022-2023 Budget & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report – Next year’s budget and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter current year reports were reviewed and discussed. 10% of our festival fundraising proceeds will go to the Charity Fund annually. \$2000 from the Truck Raffle will go towards the Sister’s Scholarship Fund annually. Our sound system needs to be updated. We had budgeted \$12,000 for a camera and for the gym. A new system has been looked at that will last 20 years at a cost of \$25,000. Amendment--As of today, August 16, 2022--We’ve received donations in the amount of \$21,250 to go toward the sound system. The 2022-2023 Budget was approved.
2. Truck Raffle – The truck raffle will be from September 1<sup>st</sup> until the drawing on December 10, 2023. The winner will receive either the truck or \$35,000. There are three parishes participating this year – St. John’s, St. Martin’s, and St. Christopher’s. 1500 total tickets will be printed. Each parish will have 500 tickets with a goal to sell as least 400. Each parish will receive \$30,000+ if all 1500 tickets are sold. We will need a committee of volunteers to take this on, Travis and Rachel Flaherty will assist.
3. Cemetery Committee – Tony will speak with Billy Adams to see what issues we may have at the cemetery and update us at the next meeting. Jim and Kathy Thissen will take care of flags on the Veteran’s graves for Memorial Day and for Veteran’s Day. We’ve had a recent donation to the cemetery in the amount of \$4,000.

- **New Discussions**

1. Painting the cafeteria – We have \$1,000 budgeted for paint for the cafeteria and looking for volunteers to help get this project finished. Regina Bennett will be overseeing this and working to complete.
2. 500 Club – At the time of this meeting we have sold 132 tickets. We’ll need to set up after masses to sell more. This is a great opportunity for fundraising for our parish and it needs to be promoted to the congregation.
3. Harvest Fest – October 16, 2023, is the date. Amanda Zanone will oversee this event again this year. More to come and volunteer meetings to be announced.
4. Convent – What to do with the Convent??? At this meeting it was discussed and agreed for a committee to be formed to decide the future of the Convent. Jeremy Stull volunteered to lead this new committee and will report back the progress.
5. Mission Statement of our Finance Committee – To financially fund our parish needs and our ministries.
6. Food Bank update – Deacon Mike handed out an update on the Food Bank, showing a steady growth in the number of families served along with total household members. So far, from August 2021 to June 2022 we have served 712 families, total household members #2067!

- Closing Prayer – Father led us in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 30, 2022, following the 10:00 AM mass.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Arnold