

## **St. John the Apostle Church**

### **Finance Council Meeting**

**January 11, 2022**

**Members present:** Father Toan Do, Deacon Mike Jones, Chairman Tony Brown, Andy Miller, Kathy Thissen, Christy Gossett, Jeremy Stull, Bookkeeper Judy Yates and Elizabeth Arnold  
**Guests:** Denice Jackson and Ed Kopp

**Opening prayer:** Father led us in prayer and meeting called to order at 6:02pm

**Parish Council / Finance Committee:** After discussion, it was decided to combine the Parish Council & Finance Committee into one committee. Ed Kopp and Denice Jackson, currently part of the Parish Council, have agreed to join the new committee effective immediately. Father will make an announcement regarding this change.

**Bank statements:** Statements were passed around, reviewed and signed off on.

**Archdiocese Savings Report:** General Savings Balance \$431,404.78 / Cemetery Savings Balance \$23,174.41.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report:** Provided to all members and reviewed.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Harvest Fest & Turkey Dinner – income \$47,049.90, expense \$9,278.41, profit \$37,771.49
2. Thanksgiving Dinner – expenses were \$606.21
3. Hospitality Expenses (including the Sister's Dinner, Appreciation Party, Deacon Mike's dinner, and Trunk or Treat Gathering – total expenses \$10,610.94

#### **New Business:**

1. AED Defibrillators – A defibrillator was purchased from Cintas for the Parish Center. Cintas has agreed to install a donated defibrillator in the church for us. Cintas will service them for \$89/monthly. We will have training for volunteers in addition to CPR training.
2. Kitchen Warmer – We have a warmer that is no longer working. The cost for a new one will be between \$5000-\$6000 and this needs to be purchased prior to the Harvest Fest.
3. Annual Catholic Radio Envelope – Discussion was had regarding an envelope or donation toward the Meade County Catholic Radio. (Since this meeting Tony spoke with Deacon Greg Beavin, who is heavily involved with the radio station, and it has been decided to give a one-time donation of \$2500 with hopes the other 3 parishes in our county would match our donation.)
4. Needs & Wants – We are obtaining bids for blacktopping, more to come on that.

#### **New Discussions:**

1. Deep Winter Classic & Texas Hold'em – planned for February 5<sup>th</sup>
2. Parish Gathering – February 12<sup>th</sup>

3. School Discussion & after school program – Discussion was held regarding both topics. Nancy Tate to be invited for an additional meeting for more information regarding the school. Jennifer Shelton to be invited for more information regarding the after-school program.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for April 12, 2022, 6:00PM Rectory Meeting Room

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM**

**Closing prayer led by Father**

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Arnold

**Addendum 1: January 16, 2022 - Special convened meeting for the discussion of a school being placed in our facilities and possible after-school care program**

- I. **Item of business – Immaculata Classical Academy:** Nancy Tate presented information regarding the operation of an Immaculata Classical Academy campus in our old school building, here at St. John's. Nancy had previously provided, via email earlier this week, documents from Immaculata listing the curriculum, which is not the traditional Catholic school in the Archdiocese school system, but rather an independent Catholic school model. After Nancy presented her view in support of the independent school, the members discussed and debated and there was no unanimous support of the school at this time. The decision was asked to be made in a short amount of time so there was no time for additional research or education on the subject. Father reached out to Nancy via phone to convey the final decision that, at this time, St John the Apostle Parish could not find sufficient reasons to host the model of an Independent Catholic School on its campus.
  
- II. **Item of business – After School Care Program:** Jennifer Shelton presented and discussed information to implement an after-school care program – by itself or in addition to a school. Jen discussed and passed around the plan that St. James in Elizabethtown goes by. She suggested that a routine would be in place that would include religion, snack, homework, play time, just to name a few. An exact order of daily events would be mapped out prior to the first day of the program. At this time, it would be for Catholic families, at a fee. This would offer a safe place for Catholic children of Meade County to go after school and learn about and practice their faith. After Jennifer's presentation, the members discussed and there is favorable opinion of the program. Jennifer will be doing more research and let us know when we have an ideal program to follow and then we can move forward.

Updated 2-5-2022, Elizabeth Arnold