

St. Gregory Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Approved

Present: John Blattner, Linda Dietrich, Ken Riesterer, Allen Dietrich, Lisa Halverson, Cecelia DeBruin, Jan Reindl

Guests: Deacon Gary Wilhelm, Patty Wilhelm, Rita Steffen, Kris Lenzner, Steve Lenzner, Marty Seichter

Finance Council's first meeting held in the new meeting room of the Parish Community Center.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by John Blattner. Deacon Gary led us with opening prayer.

Reviewed September meeting minutes. Motion by Ken Riesterer and second by Jan Reindl to approve September minutes. Motion carried.

Reviewed September financial reports. Motion by Cecelia DeBruin and second by Ken Riesterer to approve September financial reports. Motion carried.

Kris Lenzner requested Music Ministry Funding of \$200 to purchase script cards to thank a few choir members. It was suggested to budget money annually for this purpose. Rita Steffen will check with Meg Post about the possibility that funds are already available for the choir. A motion was made by Ken Riesterer for \$500 to be set aside annually to cover choir expenses at the director's discretion. Lisa Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried. In a follow-up email, Rita shared that \$1,500 is budgeted and in an account for the choir.

The Maintenance Report was given by Allen Dietrich for Frank Riesterer.

The boiler for the church will be turned on this Friday as it is getting colder in the building.

It was reported that the total paid for a full time position for building maintenance, lawn mowing and snow removal is too costly. A full time position will not be pursued. However, the services of a lawn care person or company will need to be acquired for next year. That person would need to be 18 or older because of the equipment used, possibly a retired individual. Scott Elliot will continue with snow removal but will not be available between 4:30am and 4:30pm. Gene Riesterer and Marty Seichter will take care of snow removal during the day as the sidewalks need to be kept cleared in front of the Parish Center.

There was discussion of having the duties of maintenance also include the cleaning of the church. John Lindemann is cleaning the parish center and he could take on this additional work.

The time clock will be put back in place for Scott and John to record their hours.

The new doors for the west side of the church will be available in six weeks after they are ordered. Schneider & Schneider recommended they be equal sized doors. The approximate

cost will be under \$10,000. The Parish Council has voted to go forward with the purchase. They have requested monies to pay for these doors, which could come from endowments and Green Sunday funds. This discussion will be added to next month's meeting agenda.

The Parish Council wants to proceed with door replacement on the front of the Parish Center building as they are in very poor condition. Frank is in the process of getting a quote.

Jan Reindl made a request for \$50 - \$100 to fund the speaker for a new community event at the Parish Center. Jan, Mary Jo Koeppen and Pat Baumgartner have planned "Setting a Place for Jesus" for the evening of Thursday, November 29th. Flyers will be posted at Meats Opera House. Ken generously offered that he and Kathy Riesterer will donate the money for the speaker.

A discussion was held for fund raisers. The Fall Festival will take place on November 4th. It was decided that there will be no winter raffle this year. The golf outing for next summer will still be under consideration due to its popularity. Other fund raisers are the Chili dinner and the 50/50 raffle. Marty Seichter would like to see the Christian Women's organization revived at St. Gregory Parish to take on some of the work at these fund raisers.

Father Tony has requested that Meg's former office at the church be converted to an Adoration Chapel. Allen Dietrich presented drawings for the layout of the chapel. It will feature a small altar in front of the colored glass window. It will also include a table for the Tabernacle, chairs with kneelers for seating, space for a wheelchair, and a pew in the very back. This more intimate space will also serve as a place where mass can be held for smaller gatherings. We will be looking for sponsors and "in memory" donations. Drawings and information of the chapel conversion will be prepared and presented to the parish members. It was suggested that the former office be open for parishioners to see the space that will be used.

Father Tony has also requested the confessional be put back into use. Allen offered a proposed layout of the reconstruction of the confessional. Under consideration is a 36 inch door to enable wheelchair access, and one of the existing doors to be used for Father's entrance. The penitent's side will include a 60" wheelchair turn-around area, a kneeler and a chair. The confessional has a beautiful stained glass window depicting a scene of John the Baptist baptizing our Lord Jesus Christ. This would be viewed by the penitent. It is estimated that it would cost \$1,500 to redo the entrances and part of the wall. A drawing of the renovation, costs and time of completion will be prepared to share with the parish.

Next meeting date & time: Tuesday, November 20th, 6pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Cecelia DeBruin and seconded by Lisa Halverson. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm with a closing prayer by Deacon Gary.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dietrich
Finance Council Secretary