

St. Gregory Joint Finance Council & Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Approved

Present: Fr. Tony Ibekwe, John Blattner, Jean Blattner, Ken Riesterer, Linda Dietrich, Lisa Halverson, Allen Dietrich, Martin Seichter, Steve Noworatzky, Ryan Mueller, Christine Schoenberger, Deacon Gary Wilhelm, Rita Steffen, Patty Wilhelm, Jan Reindl, Cecelia DeBruin, Dale Christel

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

The topic for this emergency meeting was to discuss and make decisions on One by One, a Catholic campaign to transform communities.

John Blattner informed us that he had been in meetings with a representative of our Diocese. All churches in the Diocese will be involved and St. Gregory's has been assigned a goal of \$250,000. The monies will be used for outreach, evangelization, schools, RE programs, living justice, etc. Parishioners will receive pledge cards and will be asked to pledge towards this 3-year campaign. Pledging will be finished by December. After the 3 years has passed 50% of the funds raised will be returned to the parish over time.

The discussion moved on to determine needs of our parish to apply to the One by One campaign. These include the need for a safer repaved church parking lot, a refurbished terrazzo floor in the church, and installation of air conditioning for the church building.

Then, Jean Blattner presented her idea of a new purpose for the Daycare building. It would be to establish Rachel's House and Joe's Garage. These young adults, Joe Litz and Rachel Petersen, were very involved in our parish before they tragically lost their lives. They were great examples of their faith in action. We are called to love and serve others. The purpose of the house and garage would be to assist families in need with temporary housing. There will be a committee to approve the use of the building; and visiting priests and their family members may also make use of it.

John and Jean Blattner volunteered to co-chair the One by One campaign.

The case study for this campaign must be submitted to the Diocese and put to print by August. The building repairs can start before we receive back our portion of the campaign money. Monies will not be applied to the campaign that are donated specifically for Rachel's House or Joe's Garage.

Deacon Gary Wilhelm said, "This is our chance to live the Gospel."

A motion was presented to the Finance and Parish Councils. A motion to approve the One by One campaign funds be used to remodel and repair the daycare building and for the church improvements was made by Christine Schoenberger and seconded by Allen Dietrich. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Cecelia DeBruin and seconded Dale Christel. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm with closing prayer by Fr. Tony.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dietrich
Finance Council Secretary

St. Gregory Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Approved

Present: Fr. Tony Ibekwe, John Blattner, Ken Riesterer, Linda Dietrich, Lisa Halverson, Allen Dietrich, Martin Seichter, Steve Noworatzky, Ryan Mueller, Christine Schoenberger, Lisa Schueler, Deacon Gary Wilhelm, Rita Steffen, Patty Wilhelm

Absent: Cecelia DeBruin, Jan Reindl, Dale Christel, Jackie Egan

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by John Blattner. Fr. Tony Ibekwe led us with opening prayer.

Reviewed May Finance meeting minutes. Motion by Lisa Halverson and seconded by Ken Riesterer to approve with additions to minutes. Motion carried.

Reviewed St. Gregory and Holy Trinity Joint Finance meeting minutes. Motion by Ken Riesterer and seconded by Linda Dietrich to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Reviewed May Parish Council meeting minutes. Motion by Allen Dietrich and seconded by Martin Seichter to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Reviewed May financial reports. Motion by Lisa Halverson and seconded by Ken Riesterer to approve financial reports. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report. Allen Dietrich reported that the Adoration Chapel, Reconciliation Room and storage area will be completed by the end of July. Rita Steffen added that she has contacted Jandrain and they will be sending quotes and sample fabrics of the linens for the chapel. The search is on for someone to sew the interior lining of the Tabernacle. Allen received a quote from ServiceMaster of \$1,000 to refinish the terrazzo floors in the chapel, reconciliation room, and storage area. Looking ahead, the floors in the church itself will need refinishing and would involve the removal of pews. There are some patches in the flooring that will need to be repaired with terrazzo.

Steve Noworatzky had considered helping with the Parish Center hall painting but would need additional help. There are many holes on the walls that need to be filled. A bid exists from Byron Painting, but it was not known if the hole filling was included. The church bathrooms need to be painted. It was requested that the lighting in the women's bathroom be improved and if it were possible to have a solar light installed.

Endowment Changes Update. Rita Steffen had submitted all changes concerning the endowments to the Diocese in early June.

2019-2020 Budget. The budget was reviewed and a motion to approve the budget was made by Lisa Halverson and seconded by Ken Riesterer. Motion carried.

AED Update. Steve Noworatzky informed us that recertified AED units could be purchased online at half the price of a new unit which costs \$1,500. The recertified unit

has never been used and is tested to ensure that it works. It is a substantial savings at \$698 with an additional \$100 for the annual life shield management to keep it in compliance with testing. Storage cabinets cost \$99. Additional batteries could be purchased for \$398. It was agreed that 3 units would be needed to cover the church and both the upper and lower levels of the Parish center. There is no need for certification of staff as the automatic units instruct the user. It was suggested that perhaps the Lions, the Knights of Columbus or the Ant Hill Mob would contribute in the way of a fundraiser or by donation. Fr. Tony will speak to the Knights. A request could also be added to the Legacy list in the bulletin. Allen Dietrich made a motion to pursue 3 units and Lisa Halverson seconded it. Motion carried.

Thank You for Your Ministry. Thanks to Martin Seichter, outgoing Parish Council Chairperson, and welcome to Steve Lenzner, incoming Finance Council Member-at-Large.

Old or New Business. Daycare building. Steve Noworatzky suggested that parishioners be asked for their input and that a follow-up meeting be arranged for questions and answers. The Diocese will need to approve the decision made on what will be done with the daycare building. A letter will be presented to parishioners concerning the Daycare building. The Parish Council approved a motion to accept the letter, including the changes made to it. It will be shared with parishioners at a later date but before the September Parish Council meeting.

There will be no meeting of the Finance Council in July.

Next meeting date & time: Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm with closing prayer by Fr. Tony.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dietrich
Finance Council Secretary