

**St. Gregory Finance Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**  
**Approved**

Present: Fr. Tony Ibekwe, Deacon Gary Wilhelm, Ken Riesterer, Allen Dietrich, John Blattner, Dale Christel, Cecelia DeBruin, Linda Dietrich, Lisa Halverson, Janice Reindl, Steve Lenzner, Rita Steffen, Patty Wilhelm, Jean Blattner

Absent: Frank Riesterer

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

Reviewed November meeting minutes. Motion by Linda Dietrich and seconded by Cecelia DeBruin to approve November minutes. Motion carried.

Reviewed November financial reports. Motion by Steve Lenzner and seconded by Janice Reindl, to approve November financial reports. Motion carried.

Discussions. Council members will be a welcoming presence to parishioners and guests at the Christmas masses. Council members were asked to research investment opportunities for the Perpetual Care Endowment funds and report back at the next Finance Council meeting. John Blattner will set up our parish website and the electronic Square system which will enable parishioners to use credit and debit cards for making contributions and offerings. Rita Steffen will check the cost of candles to determine if the donation amount is sufficient.

Maintenance Report. Allen Dietrich reported on updates. Mannenbach Mechanical will install an additional thermostat for the choir loft and will modify the control for the main entry heater. The system that heats the main entry appears to be inadequate. Allen will be discussing this with Mannenbach. The kitchen garbage disposal has been repaired and installed. Professional Supply has measured the church and parish center entryway mats and is still to send quotes for their replacements. Father Tony has requested that the Crucifixes and statuary be covered for Lent. Cecelia DeBruin will coordinate the effort. Parts are on order to repair the coupling of the east circulating pump. The completion of the main church doors will require interior trim and finishing, painting and transom window cleaning. Allen will do minor wall repair and paint touchup where new thermostats were installed.

Audit Update. Rita contacted the Diocese for an audit of the finance system and is waiting to hear back from them.

Old or New Business. The Adoration Chapel needs a name. As a major contributor, Meg Post will be asked for her suggestion.

The chairs that are used for extra seating at funerals and weddings are in very poor condition and need to be replaced. Allen gave an estimate of \$500, including shipping, for 20-25 chairs. This will be listed as a Legacy gift in the bulletin for donation consideration.

There was discussion to set some monetary guidelines for the Bishop's Appeal and church offerings to have parishioners better informed of parish needs. Steve Lenzner questioned whether second collections at masses should continue. It was agreed that separation of the various offerings would be difficult, and therefore collections will remain as they are.

All members of the finance council and parish council for St. Gregory and Holy Trinity are participating in the Alpha Experience starting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 6:30-8:00pm. This evangelization program, introduced three years ago all over the world in all faiths, is a beginning to growing our faith. Gatherings will take place every first and fourth Tuesday of the month until May, alternating between parish locations. It will include a social, snack, video and small group discussions.

Jean Blattner spoke about the parish Valentine's Dance / 'Fun' Raiser to be held on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The organizers of this event are looking for adult and high school volunteers.

Next meeting date & time: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Dietrich  
Finance Council Secretary