

St. Gregory Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Approved

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

Absent: Dale Christel, Cecelia DeBruin, Frank Riesterer

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

Reviewed May meeting minutes. Motion by Steve Lenzner and seconded by Lisa Halverson to approve May minutes. Motion carried.

Reviewed May financial reports. Motion by Ken Riesterer and seconded by Janice Reindl to approve May financial reports. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report. Allen Dietrich reported on updates. The window behind the cross in the east gable of the church has been repaired with insulation foam and silicon by Gene Reisterer and Allen. Our church was last renovated after an ice storm some 20 years ago. Representatives from Conrad Schmitt examined the church on 5/20/2020. Their plan is to have a scaffolding contractor measure the church. Scaffolding is a significant portion of the cost. Rather than setting up scaffolding first for plaster repair and again later for painting, it would be more cost effective to have all work done before removing the scaffolding. Conrad Schmitt will offer some renditions of the church interior for review. Thanks to Rita Steffen for contacting the buyer who has now removed the playground equipment and the century fence, and who will continue to remove the remaining cemented in posts and shredded rubber groundcover. The parish received payment of \$1,500 for the equipment and the fencing. Two bids have been received for tree removal from the former daycare grounds. The bids are one at \$1,750, and another at \$1,500 from Tom Hickman of Spring Valley. A contact is needed for stump removal, grading and seeding for the former daycare grounds; pending approval from the Parish Council to proceed with this work. Rita indicated there is also a concrete slab that will need removal.

2020-2021 Budget. Final approval for the 2020-2021 budget was given at the joint meeting of the Parish and Finance Councils.

2020-2021 Council Positions. Ken Riesterer has completed his term as Treasurer Trustee. Ken has agreed to run for the same position on the fall ballot. Lisa Halverson and Linda Dietrich have both agreed to another 3-year term as members-at-large for the Finance Council. The Finance Council will be needing a new chairperson as John Blattner has completed his final term and must retire the position.

Parish Fundraisers – Fall Festival & Golf Outing. The Golf Outing will not take place this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. Discussion centered on whether St. Gregory will be able to hold the Fall Festival this year. It was thought a scaled down version of the fundraiser may consist of a Raffle and carry-out only Chicken Dinners. St. Mary's church fundraiser successfully sold carry-out dinners and offered drive thru pick-ups. As head of the planning committee, Meg Post will be consulted, and a decision will be made. These fundraisers brought in over \$23,000 to our parish. As an alternative, Ken Riesterer suggested Plan B – a Capital Campaign to seek funds from the parish members.

PPP Update/Changes. Rita Steffen reported the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan has been put into a restricted fund which feeds designated and authorized expenses. The loan being under \$500,000 is forgiven.

Online Giving Discussion. Through the Catholic Foundation, the Diocese offers a program for online giving. This is an alternative way for parishioners to make their offerings to their own parish. Notice has been put in the bulletin and televised on the Bishop's mass.

Other Old or New Business. Happy Birthday Father Tony!

A Bishop's Appeal letter was sent to parishioners and the collection is now at 75% of the goal. Though our parish community was not able to hold the Golf Outing fundraiser this year, Catholic Financial Life chose to issue St. Greg's a check for \$1,000. Thank you!
Finance Council will not meet in July.

Next meeting date & time: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Ken Riesterer and seconded by Steve Lenzner. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm with closing prayer by Fr. Tony.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dietrich
Finance Council Secretary