

St. Gregory Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Approved

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

Absent: Frank Riesterer

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

Reviewed June meeting minutes. Motion by Steve Lenzner and seconded by Janice Reindl to approve June minutes. Motion carried.

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

Reviewed July financial reports. Motion by Steve Lenzner and seconded by Lisa Halverson to approve July financial reports. Motion carried.

Fall Festival Update. Meg Post and Helen Gosse reported on the plans for the Fall Festival taking place on Sunday, November 1st from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Fall festival raffle tickets worth over \$5,200 will sell for \$5 or 3/\$10. Ticket packets will be available at all Masses starting Labor Day weekend. A 50/50 raffle will replace the silent auction and will sell for \$5 per ticket. Tickets will be available at St. Gregory and Holy Trinity church offices. Broasted chicken and ham dinners will be sold at \$10 each for "drive-thru carry out" only. A loop around the Parish Center parking lot will provide a drive through where parishioners will purchase dinners and where raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets will also be sold. Announcements will be made in church, the bulletin, on posters, on the website and by introduction letters in ticket packets. There will be a work sheet where volunteers will be asked to sign up for various duties.

Finance Council Chair Election. As no one is available to take over as Chairperson of the Finance Council Fr. Tony recommended John Blattner continue in this position for one more year. A motion was made by Ken Riesterer to that affect and seconded by Dale Christel. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report. Allen Dietrich reported on updates. Entryway mats were purchased in July, taking advantage of 10% off the quote and free shipping, costing \$518.62, at a savings of \$126.28. Church mats will be installed before winter. The Parish Center north door mat was installed. The air ejector is leaking in the church basement and the control valve for the men's room in church is stuck open, both are turned off. Repairs should be completed this summer. Trees behind the former daycare building have been removed, and the stumps ground out by Ken Riesterer and two friends. The retaining wall behind the daycare shed is failing. Blocks will be removed as needed to protect the shed wall. Matt from Chicago Ornamental Plastering

visited the church on August 13th to examine the choir loft ceiling. Conrad Schmitt Studios will soon be sharing a quote for church repairs. Ten fluorescent bulbs will be changed in the Parish Center prior to the start of Religious Education classes. A project to be completed in the future would be refinishing the damaged and worn handrails on the church pews.

Annual Meeting Date. John Blattner will present a report to church members at Masses on September 19th and 20th. *[NOTE: Fr. Tony has recommended, and in agreement with the council chairs, that the annual meeting not be held at weekend Masses on September 19th & 20th as had been decided at the council meeting and stated in these minutes. The Parish Annual Meeting will now be held at the Parish Center cafeteria on **October 20th at 6pm.**]*

Election Date – Finance Trustee Position. Ken Riesterer has completed his term as Treasurer Trustee. Ken has agreed to run for the same position on the fall ballot, that also has a spot for a write in candidate. Ballots will be placed in the pews on September 19th and 20th.

PPP Update. Paycheck Protection Program. Rita Steffen is waiting for Bank First in Valders to give its ok to file forms. The SBA has not decided or informed the bank on how to proceed.

2020-2021 Breaking Bread Missalette Order. The council discussed the pros and cons of various options on ordering the new missalettes. A motion was made by Steve Lenzner to order 100 missalettes and seconded by Linda Dietrich. Motion carried. Missalettes will be numbered and registered to parishioners so they will have their own copy to take back and forth to Masses.

Office Copier Lease. The lease on the current office copier expires soon. Steve Lenzner made a motion to lease a new copier at \$78, the same cost of renewing the old copier. Lisa Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

One by One Campaign Update. The one by One campaign has been on hold since December. And, then the Covid 19 pandemic hit. Many of our parishioners have yet to be contacted. Rita will check on access to the money that has already been collected for this Diocese campaign.

Other Old or New Business. This was our last Finance Council meeting with Fr. Tony as he will be leaving our parish and taking on the new title of Chaplain. We thank Fr. Tony for all he has done for St. Gregory Church and our people. We wish him well and may God bless him always!

Next meeting date & time: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm by John Blattner with closing prayer by Fr. Tony.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dietrich
Finance Council Secretary