

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

December 18, 2017

Members present: Fr. Royce, Mark Podgorski, Daniel Martin, John Roberts, Cindy Wiederman, John Glon

Fr. Royce began the meeting at 6:30 with a prayer.

Fr. Royce informed everyone that we have been given the go ahead, by the Diocese, to use on-line bill pay for us at St. John's. Cindy will generate the checks, but Fr. Royce will be the only one that can authorize them to be paid and sent out. This will save us time and money once this can get in place. Cindy will work on getting this going in January.

The new St. John's School and Parish website will be live very soon. This is being done by a very generous volunteer and the last of the changes are currently being worked on and should be fixed shortly. It will be announced when this goes live.

It has been asked that both finance council and parish council meeting notes be put on the website so all parishioners can view. Monica Ridenour, parish council secretary, will see that those are given to Robin to post and Cindy will get the finance council notes to her.

We are having renewal Sunday, for the Increased Offertory Program from OSV, the weekends of February 4th and 11th. Those weekends Fr. Royce and lay ministers will talk about our giving, similar to what was done in August 2016.

We are \$14,060 under goal for the Bishop's Appeal. It was suggested that we take the number of how many families have not given and divide that by the amount and put this in the bulletin asking that the remaining families help out by giving this dollar amount. Cindy will do this and get it in. St. John's will have to write a check for any amount not achieved towards our goal.

We will be applying for the Goshen Health Foundation Community Benefit Fund for an amount of around \$6,000 for handicap accessibility for the Church. Specifically, for the bank side doors.

The rectory water damage restoration has been completed and the parish office addition of Fr. Royce's office is nearly done. We are waiting on his door and then he can move in.

Tuition for the 2018-19 school year was discussed. We will be having a joint meeting with the school board on January 18th to hear their thoughts and any questions that they have. This meeting will help both sides hear each other's views and comments regarding where tuition should be for next year. A few numbers amongst members was talked about to be able to maintain our current status, with the future needs of books, ENL teacher and iPad replacement within the next 5 years.

A roof update was given by Mark Podgorski on the 3 bids we have gotten for the Church. It was decided he will pursue getting new quotes for the rectory to make sure we are at the number that was previously given. The K of C have generously offered to give \$5,000 towards this rectory roof project.

It was brought up that the Church basement was left in disarray last Sunday after an event over the weekend. The office will often hear about this from other groups coming after them that come next or the maintenance man finds it like that on Monday morning. Each group is asked to clean up after themselves by taking out trash, sweeping up and cleaning up messes that have been made. Fr. Royce said that without volunteers a lot of the programs that are happening would not happen. This will be looked at in the future.

It was brought up that we are in need of a couple more members and it will get put in the bulletin for volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.