

St. Mary-Holy Cross Finance Council

October 24, 2023

Attendance: Heidi Ackerman, Mike Winders, Bill Rooney, Candy Zidon, and Father Ross Parker

Mike called the meeting order at 6:30p.m. Father led us in prayer.

Financials: Candy went over the financials in detail

- 1) In August, parish paid the remainder to hit 75% of the Ignite goal, to trigger a payout from the diocese. Nearly half of the pledges has been collected (\$143,000 of \$270,000); so parish gets \$71,900.
- 2) Religious Ed started in September
- 3) Visiting priests while Father was in Rome; parish will be reimbursed by diocese for these costs.
- 4) Credit card issues impacting religious ed transactions; personal reimbursements being used until parish cards are fixed.
- 5) Cemetery committee spent part of their budget on improvements during good weather.
- 6) Tithing has decreased substantially, both in number of tithing families and in donation amounts.
- 7) Discussed discontinuing passing the basket for the offering; decided not to make this change at this time.

Heidi moved to approve the financials and Bill seconded the motion.

New Business

- 1) Mike & Father to work on annual financial report to parish.
- 2) Realtor parishioner is helping to identify the value of priest housing for Father's tax purposes.
- 3) Bill moved to adopt Diocesan Finance Council guidelines as the SMHC FC guidelines.

- 4) New members are needed on both Finance Council and Parish Council. Virtual option to be offered.

Old Business

- 1) Bell tower work: Doug Jones & Drew Hanlon did work installing drain; to be reimbursed \$195 for costs.
- 2) Are gutters working? Building & Grounds representatives investigating.
- 3) B&G submitted a wish list of projects for the parish.
- 4) Father to invite someone from the Catholic Foundation for Southwest Iowa to come speak to FC; also to gather info from Ignite campaign.
- 5) Future costs: furnaces will need to be replaced soon.

Bill made the motion to adjourn and Heidi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting November 28, 2023.

Father closed in Prayer