

St. Mary-Holy Cross Finance Council

March 26, 2024

Attendance Finance Council Members:, Present John Fisher, , Bill Rooney, Via zoom Laurie Phelan,
Tom Rooney Absent: Julia Coash

Parish Council Representative Kim Heger.

Staff: Fr. Ross Parker, Candy Zidon, Sarah Baumberger

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

Financial Summary for SMHC Finance Committee Minutes for February 2024:

3-26-24 Finance Council Meeting

- Approval of February minutes motion to approve and seconded. Accepted
- SOA presentation by Candy. Motion to approve financial review seconded. Accepted
- Brief report on tithing. 184 families gave over 10 dollars in the month of February. This amount totaled over 14,000 for the month with an average tithing of \$76 dollars per month per family tithing. Just envelopes not cash collection plate. Nice to put out numbers in the bulletin. Conversation about spending vs tithing numbers. Deliberate about bequests and more information on that.
- Discussion to bring in other councils to present to Finance Council.
- With Sam's Club we get additional card. For Costco membership motion to provide youth ministry with a card.
- Knights meeting third week in April. Tom is willing to approach Knights to ask for funds from the Knights Fish Fry's.
- Review guidelines: Clarify Finance Council vs Parish Council roles. Education on roles is ongoing. Reflection on equal representation between St. Mary and Holy Cross. Maybe get some more people on Finance Council. Building and Grounds could be a sub-committee of Finance Council. It is possible to bring people on who have particular expertise. Finance Council has an idea of the internal controls of the parish and expenditures of funds. Consultive body to the pastor. Responsibilities of members. Creating an investment policy for the parish. Building and Grounds could be a sub-committee of Finance Council. Long-range planning of parish falls into purview of Finance Council. Safety Council guidelines and guidance. Checklist of activities.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting April 23rd 2024

Father closed in Prayer