

## **SMHC Finance Council Minutes**

**February 2025**

**Submitted by Fr. Ross Parker, additions by Laurie Phelan**

**Attendees:** Finance Council Members: Laurie Phelan, Julia Coash, Bill Rooney, Craig Johnson

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

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

1. Prayer
2. Motion to approve minutes from January motion made by Bill seconded by Craig
3. Previous Month Financial Statement
  - a. Annual fire alarm inspection took place along with HVAC Units at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Refilled LP tank at Holy Cross
  - b. Overall income totals down from the budget \$700 overall expenses were a little higher than budget. Motion to approval January Financial Statements made by Julia seconded Bill.
  - c. Annual Diocesan Appeal starts in March parish goal 47,000
4. New Business. Different parish organizations have received their budget worksheets for 2025-26. Review of cost-of-living increase for employees. Candy will send out a recommendation so we can move forward on this for next month.
5. Old Business
  - a. April 1 deadline for final approval for budget. Committees will be invited to present budgets at the March Finance Committee meeting.
  - b. Thoughtful about timing for our projects to get it done before the fiscal year. Discussion re: priority. Fr Ross will follow up with the Diocesis regarding the SMHC Building Assessments so that the Holy Cross window project can move forward.
  - c. Polk County Conservation is creating an audio walking tour of the Chichaqua Bottoms and want to include stories about Holy Cross. Fr. Ross and the Finance Committee supported this.
  - d. Ongoing communication regarding Parish Council, Finance Council, and Buildings and Grounds...Waiting till names are secured from the Parish Council for the short term committee work. Fr Ross will ask someone from the Parish Council to be involved with Craig, Laurie, and possibly John Roberts.
  - e. After a discussion to approve moving forward with bids for paving the St Mary Parking Lot, the committee requested that Building and Grounds assure the bids include line painting for the parking lot.
6. Closing prayer